**1st Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023**

 St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then, in *response,* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invited to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and T.A.A.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “In Adam We Have All Been One” ~ ***LSB* #569**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

 *Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)
 “Growing as One” (violet insert)

 Readings (see back of 1st white insert)

 Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ~ ***LSB* #657 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “The Whole Truth“ *Gen. 3:1-21*

**Distribution Hymns:** “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” ~ ***LSB* #562**

 “Lord of Our Life” ~ ***LSB* #659**

 “Beautiful Savior” ~ ***LSB* #537**

**Closing Hymn:** “The Tree of Life” ~ ***LSB* #561**

Postlude

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 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

 **DATE : SERVICE ATTENDANCE COMMUNION**

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| 2-19: 8:00 | 47 | 43 |
| 2-19: 10:00 | 31 | 25 |
| 2-19: Total | 78 | 68  |
| 2-19: S.S./B.C. | 1/4 |   |
| 2-22: Bible Study | 6 |  |
| 2-22 (Ash Wed.): noon | 39 | 36 |
| 2-22 (Ash Wed.): 7:00 | canceled | n/a |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

**Acolytes** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Don Clark

**Acolytes** **(****8/10):** Logan Iseler / Maddix Thoms

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 121 571

 **O.T.:** Genesis 12:1-9 708

 **Epistle:** Romans 4:1-8,13-17 422, 601, 673

 **Gospel:** John 3:1-17 542

**January - March *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

 The **February *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) are available on the entryway table.

 **March newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: In writing or via email, newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the prior month and **bulletin announcements** by Thursday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** There are two draft copies of our 2023 church directory (the first since 2019) on the bulletin table. Please review it to make sure we have the correct updated information for you and your family members before printing the final directory. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
| Mon: |  4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
|  |  7:00 | Finance |
| Wed: |  10:30 | Bible Study |
|   | 12:00 | Lenten Service |
|   | 5:00 | Soup/Sandwich Supper |
|  | 7:00 | Lenten Service |
| Sat: | 9:00 | Thumb Circuit Youth Gathering @ Good Shepherd, Cass City |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|   | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |

Monday: (*Pastor*) **9am - 1pm; 2 - 3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $190,000.00

Received so far $155,630.00 Finance Board (2-13-23) $ 100.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 34,270.00

 **BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (2-13-23) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 7,000.00 $25,620.00 $23,900.00  |

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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the

hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS**
Ruth Leese, Irene Pilaske, Linda Finkel, Mike Schave

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |  Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin  | Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  Jeffrey Schave |  |

**FRIENDS**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

David Sias (7-year-old grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake

Victims of the shooting at M.S.U.

**In Memory of Marty Sharrard, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Barnabas Fund:** Charlene Sharrard

**In Memory of Dan Gardner, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Larry & Joyce Harwood

**Ladies Aid** is looking for someone to learn how **to fill-in for Mrs. Emerick for funeral luncheons, soup suppers**, etc., when she is not available. Please consider this position so that we can keep offering these services/activities to our congregation. Contact Suellen Emerick or Lori Kowaleski if you are interested or have any questions.

**Many thanks** to Shawn Young for covering the steel pillars under the balcony with oak trim. It must have taken many hours of planning and cutting to get them to fit just perfectly. The congregation appreciates all your hard work.