**5th Sun. after the Epiphany February 5, 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:** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” ~ ***LSB* #904**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***LSB* pp.203ff.**

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

 Readings (see back of 1st white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “Thy Strong Word” ~ ***LSB* #578 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “The Light of the Cross“ *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

**Distribution Hymns:** “O Word of God Incarnate” ~ ***LSB* #523**

 “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” ~ ***LSB* #560**

 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” ~ ***LSB* #650**

**Closing Hymn:** “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” ~ ***LSB* #583**

Postlude

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**Flowers on the Altar** are in celebration of Evan Dodge’s birthday, given by his parents.

**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!

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

 **DATE : SERVICE ATTENDANCE COMMUNION**

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| 1-28: 8:00 | 44 | 41 |
| 1-22: 10:00 | 21 | 17 |
| 1-22: Total | 65 | 58  |
| 1-22: S.S./B.C. | 3/5 |   |
| 1-25: Bible Study | 5 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Don Clark

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

**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 / Larry Reinke

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 119:1-8 686

 **O.T.:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 394

 **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 577, 579, 645

 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:21-37 921

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

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

 **February 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.

**The Paint/Carpet Committee would like to thank the following**: Alan McTaggart, Albert Bender, Shawn Young, Don Clark, Arnie Eggert, Larry Harwood, Larry Finkel, Don Finkel, Larry Reinke, Leo Smith and David Schelke for all their help in getting the new carpeting installed. It was a big job but because of all of you it was make much easier. Thank You -- Marvin Woodke

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 203 |
| Mon: |  4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Wed:  | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 11:00 | Pastor @ E.L.M.S., Dearborn |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|   | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 203 |

Monday: (Pastor) **9am - 1pm; 2 - 3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor & Becky*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Becky):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Becky):* **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 $155,530.00 Finance Board (1-23-23) $ 120.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 34,370.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (1-23-23) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 5,330.00 $17,080.00 $16,900.00  |

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Ladies Aid** will be hosting **soup suppers** before the

7 PM worship service during the Lenten season and need volunteers. 3 individuals (soup scooper, sandwich maker & dish washer) are needed for each of the six Wednesdays from 4:45 PM to clean-up. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the church narthex.

We also need 2 cakes per week. A sign-up sheet is available for that also.
Please consider helping so that we can continue to host these soup suppers.
If you have any questions, please contact Lori Kowaleski or Suellen Emerick.

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

**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)

Ainsley Hamilton (4 month old niece of Brooke Maurer & Ryan VerEllen)

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

**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.

**Polish Dinner, at Port Hope Amvets, Feb 12th. 11 to 4.**  $15.00 each.
Pierogi, Golabki (cabbage rolls), fresh kielbasa with kraut, city chicken, mashed potatoes, roll and dessert. Drive thru Only and pre-orders recommended. Call Barb 989-553-3317 or Jo 864-624-7980

**A quote from C.S. Lewis:**

“I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking and sleeping. It does not change God – it changes me.”