**1st Sunday in Lent *(“Invocabit”)*  March 1, 2020**

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.

Today – the **“1st Sunday in Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Invocabit*,”** from **Psalm 91:15**, “When he *calls* to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will Rescue him and honor him.” “*Invocabit*” is Latin for “Calls,” which is the basis for the English word “invoke/Invocation.” Parts of Psalm 91 (1-2,9-10,13; antiphon 15a,c,16) serve as **today’s “*Introit*.”** Today is also sometimes referred to as **“*Quadragesima*,”** Latin for “fortieth” – that is, “[about] *40 days* before Easter.

**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 are in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn of the Day *LSB* #562** ~ “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

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

*Introit* (see white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see purple insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

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

**Sermon:** “God’s Cool Response” Gen.3:1-21

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*433** *~* “Glory Be to Jesus”

***LSB* #434** ~ “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

***LSB* #594** ~“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

(***LSB* #422** ~ “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”)

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

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 2-23-20: 8:00 | 64 | 62 |
| 2-23-20: 9:30 | 64 | 56 |
| 2-23-20: Total | 128 | 118 |
| 2-23-20: Sunday School | ? |  |
| 2-26-20: Bible Study | 8 |  |
| 2-26-20: Noon Ash Wed. | 40 | 35 |
| 2-26-20: 7pm Ash Wed. | 22 | 19 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Ken Steinbis, Gary Eggert, Justin Voss, Brad Voss

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Gregg Woodke, Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Ken Steinbis, Gary Eggert, Justin Voss, Brad Voss

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Schave/ Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**ALTERNATE READINGS**Psalm: 118:1-13 (“His Steadfast Love Endures Forever”)   
O.T.: 1 Samuel 17:40-51 (“David & Goliath”)  
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16 (“Jesus the Great High Priest”)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 121 713 O.T.: Genesis 32:22-32 615

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1 –7   
 or Romans 5:1-5 773; 770; 772; 713

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 754

Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available on the entryway magazine table.

The March ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.  
  
The **March newsletters** are now in your church mailboxes.

.**A friendly reminder…**newsletter submissions are due to the church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month to publish. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday (9:00 am) before the Sunday to be published.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Lenten Worship Page 282 |
|  | 1:00 | Quilting at the School |
|  | 5:30 | Soup/Sandwich supper |
|  | 7:00 | Lenten Worship Page 282 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

**Office Hours:** Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor & *Kathy*): **9am – 12pm** Please call ahead to make sure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 81,065.00 Finance Board (2-24-20) $ 310.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 42,935.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (2-24-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 5,465.00**  **$128,600.00**  **$117,985.00** |

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***Jesus Does Battle in Our Place***

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be Restored to Life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He “Comes in the Name of the Lord” of hosts. He draws from the “five smooth stones” of the Books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are Victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the Grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a Great High Priest, let us come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

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**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**

Reecilyn Joy, Daughter of Michael and Julie Joy.

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Mary Forbing | Willard Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Patricia Griffore | Gloria Schmalz |
| Elaine Eggert | Nathan Kaufman | Helen Schultz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Charlie Koglin | Arlene Zelz |
| Howard/Della Finkel | Elmer/Ruth Leese |  |

**FRIENDS**

Roman Jock (toddler cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (16 yr. old grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (8 yr. old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Ruby Maschke (Meadow Lane Assisted Living)

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

Jean Eggert (sister-in-law of Gary and Elain Eggert)

Earl Iseler

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (recently deployed to South America; grandson-in-law of Emerson & Irene Pilaske), wife Kayla, and two sons.

**Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

**2020 Flower Chart** is now up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel.

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at Zion Lutheran**, Saturdays, March 14, April 10th and May 9th. 3:30 to 6:30. Adults $10 and Kids (5-12) $5. Pollack, French fries, baked potato, corn, salads, desserts, coffee and water. Take out available: 989-315-1302

**Soup/Sandwich Suppers:** During Lent from Feb 26th thru April 1st from **5:30 till 6:45**. They will be sponsored by church groups and the proceeds given to their Missions.

**The Ladies Aid** will be hosting a **Euchre Tournament on Saturday, March 21** @ 7PM in the school gym. If you are interested in participating, please sign up – there is a sheet on the bulletin table. No partner is required – everyone will be mixed, Prizes will be awarded for high and low scores. Refreshments will be provided.

**Church Active Shooter Workshop:** On Saturday, March 7, 11am-1pm, a free active shooter workshop will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe. All are welcome. The church is on the corner of Irwin & Van Dyke.

**Thank-you** for all the birthday cares, well wishes, thoughts, prayers, cards, texts and visits at the nursing home, as I continue on my journey to recovery. I greatly appreciate it. God’s Blessings to all of you. Charles **Koglin.  
  
Easter Plants –** Please see the **insert** for ordering directions. **Memorial for Beverly Hartz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Joyce Koglin, Herb & Betty Leese, Ronald & Rosemary Koglin, Harlan & Ann Reinke, Ladies Aid

**Memorial for Fred Koglin, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Joyce Koglin, Ronald & Rosemary Koglin, Roy & Elaine Reinke

**Memorial for Mildred Pease, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Herb & Betty Leese.   
  
**Memorial for Bob Witherspoon, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Ronald & Rosemary Koglin, Harbor Beach Community Schools

**Memorial for Adam Schmidlin, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** from Yvonne Fuhrman

**Memorial for Beverly Hartz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Trustee Fund:** from Dave & Irene Schelke