**3rd Sunday in Lent(“*Oculi*”)  March 7, 2021**

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 **“3rd Sunday in Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Oculi*,”** from **Psalm 25:15**, “My *eyes* are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.” “*Oculi*” is Latin for “eyes.” Parts of Psalm 25 (1-2,17-18,20; antiphon 15-16) serve as **today’s “*Introit*.”**

**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: *LSB* #533** ~ “Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”

**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* #659** ~ “Lord of Our Life” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Something Different” *Luke11:14-28*

**Offering Day: *LSB* #451** ~ “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
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| 2-28-21: 8:00 | 56 | 48 |
| 2-28-21: 9:30 | 47 | 39 |
| 2-28-21: Total | 103 | 77 |
| 3-03-21: Bible Study | 8 |  |
| 3-03-21: Lenten noon | 28 |  |
| 3-03-21: Lenten 6pm | 20 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 132:8-18 641
**O.T.:** Exodus 16:2-21 or 743

Isaiah 49:8-13
**Epistle/2nd:** Galatians 4:21-31 or
 Acts 2:41-47 453

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15 423

 Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

 **March newsletters** are in your church boxes.

 **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 in writing.

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

 **2021 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.

**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 Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance |
| Wed  | 10:30  | Bible Study |
|  | Noon  | Lenten Service |
|  | 6:00 | Lenten Service |
| Fri: | 5:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Sat:  | 10:00 | LWML Board Meeting at Immanuel, Sebewaing |
| 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 – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Tuesday: (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am**Thursday: (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (Pastor & *Kathy* *):* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $ 97,195.00 Finance Board (2-21-21) $0.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 26,805.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (2-21-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 4,760.00  $32,600.00 $31,735.00  |

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***Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man***

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the LORD (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing Good. He Casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebul, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the “Finger of God,” the Power of the Holy Spirit at Work in and through Jesus. Jesus is “the Stronger Man who Overcomes the strong man.” He takes the devil’s armor of sin and death and Destroys it from the inside out by the Holy Cross. He Exorcizes and Frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are Light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As “children of Light,” our tongues are Loosed to give thanks to Him who Saved us.

**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**

Fred & Pat Hasen; those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Wally Schave |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin(Courtney Manor)  | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  |
| Della Finkel  (Courtney Manor)  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

**FRIENDS**

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson)

Deborah Schubring (Ann’s daughter-in-law) (recovering from brain aneurism surgery)

Kenny Shepard (grandson of Joyce Koglin)

Darleen Ferensic (Neighbor of Sally Arndt)

All those affected by COVID-19.

**2021 Flower Chart** is up on the wall in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel. Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060.

**In Memory for Mary, Cliff Hall & Gust Marquardt, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church:** Eleanor & Ken Hall