**3rd Sunday in Lent(“*Oculi*”)  March 15, 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 **“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* #614** ~ ““As Surely as I Live,” God Said””

**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:** “Lest You Be like Pharaoh” Exodus 8:16-24

**Distribution Hymns:**

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

***LSB* #456** ~ “Were You There”

***LSB* #452** ~“O Perfect Life of Love”

(***LSB* #806** ~ “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #716** ~ “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

 **DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-08-20: 8:00 |  71 |  61 |
| 3-08-20: 9:30 |  50 |  43 |
| 3-08-20: Total |  121 |  104 |
| 3-11-20: Bible Study |  9 |   |
| 3-11-20: Noon Lent Wed. |  37 |   |
| 3-11-20: 7pm Lent Wed. |  24 |   |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Jenna Arndt

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Galen Young/ Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Hunter Iseler

**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): Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

 **ALTERNATE READING**Psalm: 4 (“Answer Me When I Call”)

O.T.: Jeremiah 26:1-15 (“Jeremiah Threatened with Death”)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 132: 8-18 729
O.T.: Exodus 16:2-21 or Isaiah 49:8-13 743

Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31 or Acts 2:41-47 774; 642; 571; 643

Gospel: John 6:1-15 918

 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 |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Elders  |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| 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 |
| Sat: | 7:00 | Ladies Aid Euchre Party |
| 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 $ 81,225.00 Finance Board (3-9-20) $ 160.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 42,775.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** |
| **Needed per count** **Received (3-9-20)** **Needed year to date** **Received year to date**  |  **$ 8,060.00** **$ 5,520.00**  **$136,600.00** **$123,515.00**  |

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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 Beelzebub, 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**

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 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, 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.

**Easter Plants –** Please see the **insert** for ordering directions.

**Choir Practice** is on Monday, March 16th, at 7pm.

**Cheeseball fundraiser for Dylan Burton’s** to help with travel and lodging expenses for his National Junior Gold Bowling Tournament. Prices are $7 plain & $7.50 with nuts. Cheeseballs can be picked up Saturday, April 4th from 10am-2pm at the school or after both church services on April 5th. **The last day to order is March 22nd.**
**Order sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or call/text Melody Burton (989)550-1440.

**TODAY Mar 15, 2020 AMVETS** Post 115 in Port Hope will be having an all you can eat **breakfast** from 8:30 a m till 1:00 p m Adults $8.00, children 5 to12 $3.00 and under five are free. Auxiliary will also be having a bake sale.

**Memorial for Beverly Hartz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Ramona Reinke, Darla Pankow, Elaine Eggert and Gary Eggert

**Memorial for Pauline Messing, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Ryan & Sarah Volmering

**Memorial for Fred Koglin, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Brenda & Lavern Friedland, Joyce & Larry Harwood, Lola & Bob Smith, Darla Pankow, Deanna & Dan May, Daryl & Kim Sengstock and Art & Betty Sengstock

**Memorial for Mildred Pease, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Darla Pankow

**Memorial for Stan Roggenbuck, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Darla Pankow