**3rd Sunday in Lent(“*Oculi*”) March 20, 2022**

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:** “O Blessed Light, O Trinity” ~ ***LSB* #890**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 3*, ***LSB* pp.184ff.** *Introit* (See first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse.)

 “Growing as One” (See purple insert.)

 Readings (See back of first white insert.)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “Lord of Our Life”~ ***LSB* #659 (memory)**

 **Sermon**: “Walk in the Light” *Eph. 5:1-9*

**Distribution Hymns:** “I Walk in Danger All the Way ~ ***LSB* #716** “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” ~ ***LSB* #422**  (“Your Table I Approach” ~ ***LSB* #628**)

**Closing Hymn:** “I Bind unto Myself Today” ~ ***LSB* #604**

Postlude

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 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-13-22: 8:00  | 42 | 38 |
| 3-13-22: 9:30  | 28 | 26 |
| 3-13-22: Total | 70 | 64 |
| 3-16-22: Bible Study | 5 |  |
| 3-16-22: Lenten noon | 25 |  |
| 3-16-22: Lenten 6pm | 32 |   |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/9:30)**: Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Gary Eggert, Justin Voss, Brad Voss, Cody Brown
**Elder(s) (8/9:30):** Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte (8/9:30):** Jett Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild:** Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/9:30):** Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY
READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 132:8-18 566
 **O.T.:** Exodus 16:2-21 or 743

 Isaiah 49:8-13

 **Epistle:** Galatians 4:21-31 or 420, 639, 423

 **2nd:** Acts 2:41-47
 **Gospel:** John 6:1-15 594

 **April – June** ***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 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 (9:00am) 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.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Confirmation Class  |
|  | 7:00 | Ladies Aid |
| Tue: | 4:00 | 6th Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
|   | noon | Lenten service: Morning Prayer, p. 235 |
|  | 4:30 | Soup/Sandwich Supper till 6pm |
|  | 6:00 | Lenten service: Evening Prayer, p. 243 |
|  | 7:00 | Choir Practice |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |

Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm**   Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm**  (Becky): **1pm – 4pm** Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Becky*): **9am – 12pm**  Friday (*Pastor & 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 $147,715.00 Finance Board (3-14-22) $ 250.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 42,285.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (2-28-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $ 5,575.00 $41,175.00 $35,525.00  |

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

***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**

Marsha Maschke

Alice Schave

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Elmer/Ruth Leese  | Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Sharon Fuhrman  | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Russell/Jeanette Piotter | Wally Schave |
| Charlie Koglin  | Ramona Reinke | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |

**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

Lloyd Karg (brother of Carol Clark)

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Sally Brade (friend of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Bonnie Keiser (Susan Reinke’s daughter)

Suzi Smith (Linda & Darwin Krueger’s daughter)

Cody Ross (Kathy Schave’s son)

***2022*** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the entryway.

**2022 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**LWML:**

The Michigan District LWML Convention will be July 7-9, 2022. The Convention has been moved from Gaylord to Frankenmuth. Any ladies interested in attending, please contact Corinne Abraham. Carpooling may be available for those not interested in staying at a hotel.

**Choir Practice** will be Wednesdays at 7pm.

**In Memory of Ron Mausolf, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass fund:** Geri Lochrie

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN –UKRAINE REFUGEE RELIEF**

Orphan Grain Train--Michigan ships this Tuesday a full semi-trailer of humanitarian refugee supplies gathered at its Sebewaing center.  The goods are intended as air cargo to quickly bring assistance to many families, children, and elderly fleeing Ukraine.  All last material donations must reach Sebewaing no later than today, Sunday, March 20.  With the generous support of Countryside Transportation Service of Sebewaing, goods will be taken to staging in Nebraska and from there to Poland, Romania, or another overwhelmed country where partner charities are operating.

We deeply thank the many who have responded so quickly within our very narrow time window making possible the loading of pallets filled with diapers, powdered baby formula, socks, underwear, powdered detergent, towels, multiple hygiene items, and thousands of quilts.

Funding support remains sincerely appreciated.  Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is located at 126 E. Main St., Sebewaing.  With questions you may call Branch Manager, Pastor Dave Reed, 989-600-2264.

*"Uncounted numbers of hurting people loved by their Savior have immediate needs and we have the opportunity as instruments of Christ to clothe and console them—right now."*

**A Smile from Becky:**

