**5th Sunday in Lent(“*Judica*”)  March 21, 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 **“5th Sunday in Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Judica*,”** from **Psalm 43:1**, “*Vindicate/Judge* me, O God, and Defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man Deliver me!” “*Judica*” is Latin for “judge/vindicate.” Parts of Psalm 43 (3-5; antiphon 1-2a) 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* #655** ~ “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

**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* #430** ~ “My Song Is Love Unknown” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “The Father’s Eternal Life-Giver” *John 8:48-59*

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #456** ~ “Were You There”

 **Closing Hymn: *LSB* #428** ~“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-14-21: 8:00 | 45 | 42 |
| 3-14-21: 9:30 | 37 | 34 |
| 3-14-21: Total | 82 | 76 |
| 3-17-21: Bible Study | 9 |  |
| 3-17-21: Lenten noon | 32 |  |
| 3-17-21: Lenten 6pm | 22 |  |

 **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) Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

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

**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) Greg Schave / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 118:19-29 OR 31:9-16 442
**O.T.:** Zechariah 9:9-12 441

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**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11 425-426

**Gospels:** Matthew 21:1-9 OR John 12:12-19;

 Matthew 26 – 27 443

 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 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 Board |
| Wed  | 10:30  | Bible Study |
|  | Noon  | Lenten Service |
|  | 6:00 | Lenten Service |
| Fri: | 5:30 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**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 $ 97,230.00 Finance Board (3-8-21) $35.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 26,770.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (3-8-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 6,390.00  $40,750.00 $38,125.00  |

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 Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699
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 ***Jesus Is Our Redemption***

 In the Temple Jesus said, “*If anyone keeps my Word, he will never see death*” (John 8:51). For Jesus Came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be Released from its power. Clinging to His Life- Giving Words, we are Delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our “High Priest,” who Entered the Most Holy Place and with His own Blood Obtained everlasting Redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his Descendant. He is the Promised Son who “carries the wood up the mountain for the Sacrifice,” who is “bound and laid upon the Altar” of the Cross. He is the “Ram who is offered in our place,” who is Willingly “caught in the thicket” of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is Vindicated by the Father through the Cross.

**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; Bev Finkel; Family of David Schmaltz; 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)

Family of Walt Strucinski (Joyce Koglin’s brother-in-law)

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.

**TODAY,** the Amvet’s Post 115 in Port Hope will be having an **all you can eat breakfast.**  Adults $8.00, children 5 to12 $3.00 and under 5 is free. 8:30 am till 1 pm, eggs and all the trimmings. Auxiliary will also be having a bake sale.

**April 10th,** Saturday, 4 to 6**, Fish Fry at Zion Lutheran**, Harbor Beach, Curb Side Pick-Up Only. Lightly battered pollock, scalloped potatoes, corn, spaghetti salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert. All Dinners $10.00. Take out only. Pick up in your car in the alley at the gym door. Enter on Garden Street.

**A Smile for You**

 