**4th Sunday in Lent(“*Laetare*”)  March 22, 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 **“4th Sunday in Lent”** – is referred to as **“*Laetare*,”** from **Isaiah 66:10a**, “*Rejoice* with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; *rejoice* with her in joy, …” “*Laetare*” is Latin for “Rejoice.” Similar to the “3rd Sunday of Advent,” the “4th Sunday in Lent” serves as “joy” Sunday. Isaiah 66:10a serves as the first part of **today’s “*Introit*”** antiphon.

**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* #729** ~ “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

**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* #743** ~ “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” **(memory**)

**Sermon:** “Give Me a Sign!” Exodus 16:2-21

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*774** *~* “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

***LSB* #642** ~ “O Living Bread from Heaven”

***LSB* #571** ~“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

(***LSB* #643** ~ “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #918** ~ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-15-20: 8:00 | 54 | 50 |
| 3-15-20: 9:30 | 49 | 43 |
| 3-15-20: Total | 103 | 93 |
| 3-18-20: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 3-18-20: Noon Lent Wed. | 20 |  |
| 3-18-20: 7pm Lent Wed. | 12 |  |

**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): Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

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

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Jordan Schave

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**ALTERNATE READING**O.T.: Isaiah 49:8-13 (“The Restoration of Israel”)

2nd Reading: Acts 2:41-47 (“The Fellowship of the Believers”)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 43 572   
O.T.: Genesis 22:1-14 430

Epistle: Hebrews: 9:11-15 431; 428; 457; 718

Gospel: John 8:(42-45)46-59 506

April – June ***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 | Choir Practice |
| 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**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor) **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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***The Lord Feeds His People***

The LORD provided “bread from Heaven” for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the “Living Bread from Heaven” Miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the Sea of Galilee, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our New and Greater Moses, who Releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us Free “children of the Promise” (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five Books of Moses find their Goal and Fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the Doctrine and Fellowship of the twelve Apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the Bread of Life, which is the Body of Christ together with His Precious Blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God’s people “*shall not hunger or thirst*” (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly Provides for us in both body and soul.

**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.

**All you Can Eat Fish Fry at St. John Lutheran in Palms**, Friday, April 3rd 4:00 to 7:00. Adults $10 and Youth 12 and under $7 and Preschool free. Pollack, French fries or baked potato, coleslaw, beans, roll, desserts and beverage. Take out available: 989-315-1302

**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.

Choir will practice on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7pm.