**4th Sunday in Lent(“*Laetare*”)  March 27, 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 **“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’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “By Grace I’m Saved” ~ ***LSB* #566**

**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:** “I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name”~ ***LSB* #734 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Slave or Free?” *Gal. 4:21-31*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ~ ***LSB* #420** “Wide Open Stand the Gates” ~ ***LSB* #639**  (“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” ~ ***LSB* #423**)

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

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-20-22: 8:00 | 53 | 48 |
| 3-20-22: 9:30 | 40 | 31 |
| 3-20-22: Total | 93 | 79 |
| 3-23-22: Bible Study | 5 |  |
| 3-23-22: Lenten noon | 22 |  |
| 3-23-22: Lenten 6pm | 26 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Tom Grills

**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):** JentryZimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild:** Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/9:30):** Randy Smaglinski, Cody Siemen, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Weiss, Joe Weiss

**Elder(s) (8/9:30):** Greg Woodke / Don Clark

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

**Altar Guild**: Ann Reinke and Darla Pankow

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

**Psalm**: 43 574,597   
 **O.T.:** Genesis 20:1-14  430,530

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-15 563,437,529

**Gospel:** John 8:(42-45)46-59 564

**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 |
|  | 7:00 | Finance |
| 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**  (Kathy): **1pm – 4pm**  Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – noon**  Wednesday (*Pastor*): **10:30am – 1pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**  Friday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **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 (3-14-22)  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 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***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**

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)

Kenny Shepherd (Joyce Koglin’s grandson)

***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.

**Cheryl from Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Senior Life Solution,** gave a presentation on what the Senior Life Solution program has to offer and if we know if anyone that would benefit from it to please spread the word, at the Ladies Aid meeting this last week. Cheryl gave pamphlets that Kathy will house in the office with information.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN UKRAINE RELIEF BEING DELIVERED**

**This past Wednesday, March 23, the headquarters of Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska received a full semi-trailer load of Ukrainian relief supplies from the Michigan branch of Orphan Grain Train.  The shipment was made this past week thanks to partnership with Countryside Transportation Services which supplied all the shipping needs.  The outpouring of material support over the last ten days has been an abundant expression of Christian care and generosity.  Approximately ten tons of supplies were gathered from the donations of many.  We have been specifically informed that some of those materials will be joined immediately to the next Orphan Grain Train air-cargo flight into that region where so many people have critical needs.**

**Orphan Grain Train has a long history of distributing desperately needed relief around the world.  But the current emergency which is displacing millions-- families, children, and elderly has called for this urgent response.  Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is also conveying over $38,000 for the effort to obtain more supplies and speed their delivery.  We praise God for the tremendous response from the church and community.**

**A Smile from Kathy:**

A Michigan man is driving around the mall parking lot looking for a parking spot. He drives down aisle after aisle and begins to get frustrated because thy’re all taken. He prays, “Oh Lord if you please help me find a parking spot, I promise I will go to church every Sunday; I will read the Bible; and pay all my tithes.” Suddenly, he notices an empty spot and says, “Never mind, Lord, I found one.”