**5th Sunday in Lent(“*Judica*”)  March 29, 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 **“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* #572** ~ “In the Shattered Bliss of Eden”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

 *Introit* (see white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

 Hymn: ***LSB #*431** *~* “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

 “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:** “Sacrifice the Son” Genesis 22:1-14

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

***Hymn: LSB* #547** ~“The Lamb”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #506** ~ “Glory Be to God the Father”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

 **DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-22-20: 8:00 |  19 |  N/A |
| 3-22-20: 9:30 |  22 |  N/A |
| 3-22-20: Total |  41 |   |
| 3-25-20: Bible Study |  N/A |   |
| 3-25-20: Noon Lent Wed. |  N/A |   |
| 3-25-20: 7pm Lent Wed. |  N/A |   |

**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): Greg Woodke / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Mary Eggert

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Hugh Harwood, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Weiss, Joe Weiss

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Schave / Gary Eggert

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

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO PALM/ PASSION SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Palm Sun: Procession:
 Matthew 21:1-9 or John 12:12-19

Psalm: 118:19-29 or 31:9-16 442
O.T.: Zechariah 9:9-12 438
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 425/426; 420; 441; 423; 437

Gospel: Matthew 26:1-27:66 443

 April – June ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in a box by the school doors.

 The March ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.

The **April newsletters** have been mailed.

 **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**  (tentative)

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| Palm/ Passion Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service Page 184  |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service Page 184  |

**Office Hours:
THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DIRING THE COVID-19 SHUT DOWN. WHEN HOURS RESUME:**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 & 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 $ 81,355.00 Finance Board (3-23-20) $ 130.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 42,645.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** |
| **Needed per count** **Received (3-23-20)** **Needed year to date** **Received year to date**  |  **$ 8,060.00** **$ 5,705.00**  **$144,660.00** **$129,220.00**  |

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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**

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.

All those affected by COVID-19.

**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**, Saturday 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.