**5th Sunday in Lent(“*Judica*”)  April 3, 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 **“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’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “Before the Throne of God Above” ~ ***LSB* #574**

**Hymn:** “Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” ~ ***LSB* #597**

**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:** “My Song Is Love Unkown”~ ***LSB* #430 (memory)**

 **Sermon**: “How Much More?” *Heb. 9:11-15*

**Offering Hymn:** “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price”~ ***LSB* #530**

**Distribution Hymns:** “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” ~ ***LSB* #563** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” ~ ***LSB* #437**  “Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #529**

**Closing Hymn:** “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand ~ ***LSB* #564**

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 3-27-22: 8:00  | 46 | 41 |
| 3-27-22: 9:30  | 39 | 36 |
| 3-27-22: Total | 85 | 77 |
| 3-30-22: Bible Study | N/A |  |
| 3-30-22: Lenten noon | 15 |  |
| 3-30-22: Lenten 6pm | 36 |   |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Jenna Arndt

**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:** 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):** Galen Young / Larry Reinke

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

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

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

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

 **Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-9 OR John 12:12-19 443
 or Matthew 26-27

 **April – June** ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

 **April 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 Grade Confirmation Class |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” at Marlette |
|  | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:30 | Long Range Planning |
| 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 |
| Thurs: | 7:30 | Church Council |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
| **Palm/Passion** | 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 (3-28-22) $ 0.00

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 (3-28-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $ 4,305.00 $49,410.00 $39,830.00  |

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

***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**

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(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | 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.

**New Shepard Staff Veterans Report Created.** What this means is that members are noted as veterans in our church directory system so we can at any time print an updated report. So, please update the copy by the church envelopes. If you add to the report, you need to include a phone number – as I had two adds before that do not have a membership record, that have been excluded.
 Thank-you Kathy Schave and Staci Zimmerman.

**A Smile from Kathy:**

 You might be a Lutheran if:
... You're watching *Star Wars* and when they say, "May the Force be with you," you reply, "and also with you."