**3rd Sun. of Easter(“Misericordias *Domini*”)** ("**Good Shepherd**") **April 26, 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 **“3rd Sunday of Easter”** – is referred to as **“*Misericordias Domini,*”** from **Psalm 33:5b**, “The Earth is full of the steadfast Love/*Mercy of the LORD*.” “*Misericordias Domini*” is Latin for “Mercy of the LORD.” Psalm 33:5b 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* #711** ~ “Savior, like a Shephard Lead Us”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.**

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

 **Hymn:** ***LSB* #710** ~“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

“Growing as One” (see white insert)

 Readings (see back of white insert)

 Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #709** ~ “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **(memory**)

**Sermon:** “Our Good Shepherd” 1 Pet. 2:21-25

**Post-Creed Hymn: *LSB* #770** ~ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #685** ~“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

**Post-Lord's Prayer Hymn: *LSB* #864** ~“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #473** ~ “Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 147:1-11 646
O.T.: Isaiah 40:25-31 or Lamentations 3:22-33 483
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20 or 1 John 3:1-3 633; 475; 483; 488

Gospel: John 16:16-22 795

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

 The April ***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.

 **Chancel flowers** for today are given by the Dodges in honor of **Pastor and Becky's 28th wedding anniversary (April 25)**.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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**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 (4-13-20) $ 0.00**

**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 (4-13-20)** **Needed year to date** **Received year to date**  |  **$ 8,060.00** **$ 4,950.00**  **$152,720.00** **$134,170.00**  |

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 ***The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

 Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to Deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and Feeds them in Rich Pasture. He Binds up the broken and Strengthens the sick. He “lays down His Life” for wandering and wayward sheep. On the Cross, Christ Bore in His Body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be Saved. He now Lives to “Restore your soul” in the “still Waters” of Baptism, to “Lead you in the Paths of Righteousness” by the Voice of His Gospel, to “Prepare the Table” of His Holy Supper before you, that you may “Dwell in the House of the L ORD forever” (Psalm 23). “*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls*” (1 Peter 2:25).

**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**

Nathan Kaufman

**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**

Lucille Setter (Mother of Carol Young)

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.

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

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.