**5th Sunday of Easter\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ May 7, 2023**

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.

**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:** “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” ~ ***LSB*** **#912**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.** *Introit* (See first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse.)

“Growing as One” (See second white insert.)

Readings (See back of first white insert.)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”~ ***LSB* #633 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Becoming God’s People through His Word” *1 Peter 2:2-10*

**Offertory Hymn:** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ~ ***LSB #*955**

**Distribution Hymns:** “Built on the Rock” ~ ***LSB* #645**

“The Day of Resurrection” ~ ***LSB* #478**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #660**

**Closing Hymn:** “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” ~ ***LSB* #646**

Postlude

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**Today we welcome** the Rev. Matthew Heise, Executive Director of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as our guest preacher. Join us during Bible Class when Rev. Heise will tell about his travels to churches around the globe, where he has seen with his own eyes how God calls people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own languages. To support this important mission effort, you may use the special offering envelope attached to the enclosed L.H.F. brochure.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 4-30: 8:00 | 65 | 60 |
| 4-30: 10:00 | 33 | 31 |
| 4-30: Total | 98 | 91 |
| 4-30: S.S./B.C. | 3 | 4 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel / Fred Hansen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild:** Connie Wilkowski and Becky Dodge

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel / Fred Hansen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Connie Wilkowski and Becky Dodge

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 66:8-20 556   
**1st:** Acts 17:16-31

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:13-22 725, 490, 595

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21 834

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

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

**May newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**The new Church Directory is in your mailbox**. Please give any updates to the church secretary.

**2023** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the entryway.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the

church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for

publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

**Flowers placed on the altar** on the right are from Darla Pankow in memory of her husband, **Ponch who died 5 years ago** on April 29, 2018 and flowers on the left are from Dennis and Jennifer Kelley in honor of their 37th Wedding Anniversary on May 10th

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class (L.H.F.) |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 11:00 | Pastor @ E.L.M.S. @ Hartland |
| Next Sun: |  | **Mother’s Day** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 151  **Holy Baptism:** Owen Schramski |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2pm – 3pm**Tuesday *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**Wednesday *(Pastor & Kathy)*: **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140.

Due to the overwhelming support to the **Stained Glass Window Fund** we are glad to say that we have surpassed what needed to be raised in order to complete this project.  With that being said, we have had to create a new fund called the Debt Fund as we were roughly -$27,000.00 for the 2022 calendar year.  You will see the progress of that just as you did with the Stained Glass Fund.  As always, thank you for your generosity.

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Needed per count  Received (4-10-23)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $11,610.00  $59,780.00  $54,050.00 |

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

**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**   
Ruth Leese; Joyce Koglin

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Jack Noble  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Sandy Struble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeanette Piotter (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese | Jeffrey Schave |  |

**FRIENDS**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

David Sias (7-year-old great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Debbie Schave (sister-in-law of Larry Schave)

Jaxon Bates (newborn great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Shirley Jahn (mother of Vicki Koglin)

Betty Burkhard (friend of Becky Dodge and Jen Kelley)

Becky Schubel (mother of Sally Arndt)

**In Memory of Oren Emerick a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass and Tuition Funds:** Holly Emerick and Jeff & Lori Kowaleski

The **LWML will have a Day of Prayer meeting** on Tuesday May 16th at 5:30 at Immanuel in Sebewaing.

**Diaper Shower:** To celebrate Mother’s Day, we will again be participating in the Lutherans for Life "Diaper Shower" from Mother's Day (May 14) through Father's Day (June 18). A portable crib will be in the entryway to accept your donations, which will be given to Positive Alternatives in Bad Axe.

**All you can Eat, Port Hope Amvets Breakfast, May 14th, Mother’s Day** 8:30 to 1. Eggs, pancakes, hash browns, sausage. french toast, cinnamon rolls, scalloped potatoes & fruit.

**2023 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.**

**Church Vases:** Over the past several months I am missing vases for church flowers. If you have taken flowers home and have forgotten to return vases, please do so. Thank you. Vicki Koglin