**7th/Last Sunday of Easter (“*Exaudi*”)**    **May 16, 2021**

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 **“7th/Last Sunday of Easter”** – is referred to as **“*Exaudi*,”** from **Psalm 27:7a**, “*Hear*, O LORD, when I cry aloud.” “*Exaudi*” is Latin for “hear.” Psalm 27:71,8b,9a serves as **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:** “How Firm a Foundation” ~ ***LSB* #728**

**Hymn:** “All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding” ~ ***LSB* #462**

**Hymn of the Day:** “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” ~ ***LSB* #539 (memory)**

**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).

**Sermon:** “Prepare Our Hearts … to Offer Thanks to You, O GOD”Ezek. 36:22-28
 **Offering Hymn:** “Thine Forever, god of Love” ~ ***LSB* #687**

**Closing Hymn:** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” ~ ***LSB* #477**

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 5-9-21: 8:00 | 68 | 64 |
| 5-9-21: 9:30 | 56 | 47 |
| 5-9-21: Total |  124 |  111 |
| 5-12-21: Bible Study |  6 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel, Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Joe Landenberg/ Larry Reinke **Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Jentry Zimmerman

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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel, Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Woodke/ Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Logan Iseler

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

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (PENTECOST)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 143 913
**O.T.:** Genesis 11:1-9 650

**Epistle:** Acts 2:1-21 500

**Gospel:** John 14:23-31 497

 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 church boxes.

 **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 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.

 **2021 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.

 **2021 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. Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Confirmation Class |
| Tues: | 6:00 | LWML Day of Prayer at St. John, Kilmanagh |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed:  | 10:30  | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 5:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 167 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor)* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Tuesday: (*Pastor & Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am**Thursday: (Pastor & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (Pastor & *Kathy):* **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $110,515.00 Finance Board (5-10-21) $ 320.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 13,925.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (5-10-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 5,400.00  $73,350.00 $66,855.00  |

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 ***The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus***

 “The Spirit of Truth bears Witness to Jesus,” who is the Truth. But the world does not receive the Truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the Truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. “*The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God*” (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are Saved. Therefore we “rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also Share in His Resurrection Glory” (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the Ministry of the “Spirit of Truth,” we are Cleansed from the deceit of our idols and Given a New heart and a New spirit, the Heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now Works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, “love which covers a multitude of sins,” “*that in everything God may be Glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen*” (1 Pet. 4:11).

**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**

Family of Beverly Brown, Pat Hasen; Those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Charlie Koglin(Courtney Manor)  | Wally Schave |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Elmer/Ruth Leese  | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |
|  Yvonne Fuhrman  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

**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

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson)

Deborah Schubring (Ann’s daughter-in-law) (recovering from brain aneurism surgery)

Lloyd Karg (brother of Carol Clark)

All those affected by COVID-19.

**This Saturday, just a reminder to those whom signed up for the Spruce up the church** and parsonage yards, see you at 10am, with a provided bag lunch at noon. Thank-you for your support, Kathy and Becky

**In Memory of Olga Eggert who fell asleep in Jesus on May 4, 2000, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass fund:** Elaine Eggert, Gary Eggert

**In Memory of Hugo Eggert who fell asleep in Jesus on May 5, 1982, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass fund:** Elaine Eggert, Gary Eggert

**In Memory of Shirley Witherspoon who fell asleep in Jesus on April 29, 2002, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass fund:** Elaine Eggert, Gary Eggert

**In Memory of Bernice Koglin who fell asleep in Jesus 20 years ago, on May 4, 2001, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings

**In Memory of Della Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings, Thomas and Diane Glaza, Eileen & Robert Johnson

**In Memory of Della Finkel a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran:** Thomas and Diane Glaza, Eileen & Robert Johnson

**In Memory of Nelson Erbish, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** The Ladies Aide

**In Memory of Robert Koglin, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** The Ladies Aide