**7th Sunday of Easter (“Graduates Sunday”) May 21, 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 of the Day:** “Father, We Thank Thee” ~ ***LSB*** **#652**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.** *Introit* (See first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse.)
 **Hymn:** “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” ~ ***LSB* #491**

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

**Sermon**: “An Office Job” *Acts 1:12-26*

**Offering Hymn:** “Shepherd of Tender Youth” ~ ***LSB* #864**

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

**Distribution Hymns:** “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons” ~ ***LSB* #682**

 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ~ ***LSB* #487**

 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” ~ ***LSB* #461**

**Hymn:** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #922**

**Closing Hymn:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ~ ***LSB* #525**

Postlude

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 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 5-14: 8:00 | 78 | 67 |
| 5-14: 10:00 | 31 | 26 |
| 5-14: Total | 109 | 93 |
| 5-14: S.S./B.C.  | 3 | 3 |
| 5-17: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 5-18: Ascension | 12 | 12 |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Don Clark

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

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

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

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 25:1-15 913, 497
**O.T.:** Numbers 11:24-30 965

**Epistle:** Acts 2:1-21 501, 496, 500

**Gospel:** John 7:37-39 502

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  |  | **Graduates Sunday** |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class  |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
| Next Sun: |  | **Pentecost** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 167 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.167 |

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

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Total NeededReceived (5-8-23) Received year to date Amount Still Needed  |  $ 27,000.00 $ 30.00 $ 530.00  $ 26,470.00  |

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (5-8-23) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 5,240.00 $ 76,860.00  $ 62,365.00  |

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; Logan Iseler; Shirley Piotter; Shelly Rouillard

**SHUT-INS**

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

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 Marty Sharrard and Michael Schave, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Debt Fund:** Kathleen Mausolf

**“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.

**Cutting Grass sign-up sheet** – is by the church envelopes. Please sign up. If you can’t cut grass, putting some $$ in the can on the window sill will help others with gas. Any questions - contact Ray Emerick 989-428-5110. Thank-you!

Join **Lutheran Special Education Ministries** on **June 15, 2023**, as we celebrate our 150th anniversary with a fundraising gala at **Detroit’s Historic** **Gem Theatre.** The fun begins at 5:30 with a VIP reception. The gala begins at 6:30 with a seated dinner and silent auction. Our program will include a keynote presentation by former University of Michigan Men’s Basketball Coach John Beilein. We will also present the first annual Charles A. Winterstein Administrator of the Year Award to Thomas W. Wrege. Finally, the Rev. David and Pat Maier will serve as Honorary Chairpersons. For ticket and sponsorship information, visit luthsped.org/lsem-150th-anniversary-celebration.

**MOST Ministries** are in **need of non-prescription sunglasses** for Mission Trips dealing with vision care….and as always they can use **old eyeglasses**. There is a Box on the bench by the coat racks if you have any to donate. They will be sent out in a couple weeks. Thank you