**7th Sunday of Easter (“*Exaudi*”)**   **May 24, 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 **“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: *LSB* #782** ~ “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

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

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

**Hymn: *LSB* #706** ~ “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

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

**Sermon:** “Look Up; Live Well” 1 Pet. 4:1-11

**Post-Creed Hymn: *LSB* #784** ~ “Take My Life and Let It Be”

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #491**~“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #598** ~ “Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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 S / Les W

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 143 497   
O.T.: Genesis 11:1-9 500  
Epistle: Acts 2:1-21 503; 496; 650; 501

Gospel: John 14:23 - 31 917

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

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

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| 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:   
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 $ 92,380.00 Finance Board (5-11-20) $ 0.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 31,620.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (5-11-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 3,820.00**  **$168,840.00**  **$140,945.00** |

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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**

Sandy Wohlford; Ron & Luann Thoms

**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.

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