**4th Sunday after Trinity  July 5, 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.

**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* #504** ~ “Father Most Holy”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***LSB* pp.203ff.**

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

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #696** ~ “O God, My Faithful God” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Contextual Mercy & Love" Luke 6:36-42

**Offering Hymn: LSB #965** ~ “God Bless Our Native Land”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #966** ~“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
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| 6-28-20: 8:00 | 47 | 46 |
| 6-28-20: 9:30 | 31 | 29 |
| 6-28-20: Total | 78 | 75 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Galen Y. / Larry R.

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**NEXT SUNDAY  
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Joe L. / Les W.

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 16 853   
O.T.: 1 Kings 19:11-21 688  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25   
 or 1 Peter 3:8-15 718; 594; 712; 616

Gospel: Luke 5:1–11 856

July –Sept. ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

The April, May and June ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) are available on the entryway table.  
  
 **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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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Tues: | 7:30 | Board of Directors |
| Thurs: | 7:30 | Church Council |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |

**Office Hours:**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 ensure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 92,575.00 Finance Board (6-22-20) $ 135.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 31,425.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (6-22-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 8,945.00**  **$193,020.00**  **$161,550.00** |

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***Christ’s Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others***

“*Be merciful, even as your Father also is Merciful*” (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, “*Vengeance is Mine, I will Repay*” (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is Just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is Merciful “as the Father is Merciful.” He is the One who Overcame all evil with the Good of His Cross, Forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our “Joseph,” who Comforts us with Words of Pardon and Reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives Life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we “sons of the Father”—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that “the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be Revealed in us” (Rom. 8:8–13).

**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**

Brandon Bender

**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**

Jerry Bucholtz (Brother of Connie Wilkowski).

Lucille Setter (Mother of Carol Young)

Roman Jock (cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

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

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (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.

Kevin Kreh (nephew of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

**Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor

**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.

**Memorial for Dewey & Becky Reinke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Trustee Fund:** from Terry Reinke.

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**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—THE IDEA OF PLENTY** It is difficult for most of us at home in this nation of freedom and plenty to understand how stubbornly difficult it is for countless people in other lands with no Fourth of July to celebrate or abundance all around.  Serving through Orphan Grain Train is a reminder that what we often take for granted is counted as luxury elsewhere on earth.   Inadequate clothing, unavailable medical equipment, and limited food are not matters most of us confront.  But others are not acquainted with the idea of plenty.  Orphan Grain Train seeks to lessen the humanitarian needs of those who struggle.   Support is from Christians who know Jesus’s love for those in need because we know his love for us.  Orphan Grain Train--Michigan is in full operation again at its Center in Sebewaing.  Your prayers and support are precious.  Help us share from the God-given plenty we have.  Visit [ogt.org](http://ogt.org) or [ogt-mi.blogspot.com](http://ogt-mi.blogspot.com).