**7th Sunday after Pentecost \_July 16, 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:** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ~ ***LSB* #901**

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

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ” ~ ***LSB* #577 (memory)**

**Sermon**: : “The Sower Knows”*Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” **~ *LSB* #584**

“O Blessed Spring” ~ ***LSB* #595**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #643**

**Closing Hymn:** “On What Has Now Been Sown” ~ ***LSB* #921**

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 7-9: 8:00 | 48 | 43 |
| 7-9: 10:00 | 36 | 32 |
| 7-9: Total | 88 | 64 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark  
**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild:** Carol Woodke

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Don Clark

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 119:57-64 892   
**O.T.:** Isaiah 44:6-8 772

**Epistle:** Romans 8:18-27 827, 619, 809

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 525

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

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

**July 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.203 |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |
|  | 11:15 | **Voters Assembly** |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Ladies Aid |
| Tues: |  | **H.T. Youth Conf. till Friday** |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
| Next Sun: |  | **Synod Convention Offering** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |
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Monday **Office Closed**Tuesday **Office Closed**Wednesday *(Kathy)*: **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday**Office Closed**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 Needed  Received (6-26-23)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 270.00  $ 1,600.00   $ 25,400.00 |

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Needed per count  Received (6-26-23)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $ 12,580.00  $ 102,480.00   $ 87,240.00 |

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**   
Rosemary Koglin; Becky Dodge

**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) |
| Joyce Koglin | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz  (Sanilac Co. Medical) |
| 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)

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

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

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

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

Duane Schave

Debra Quick (sister of Carol Young)

**Higher Things “Beyond Reasonable Doubt” Lutheran Youth Conference:** Jentry Zimmerman, Pastor Dodge, and Sandy Landenberg will be attending this conference this week at Southern Illinois University, Carbond, IL. They leave tomorrow and will return Saturday *via* bus with groups from Harbor Beach, Cass City, and Sandusky. Please keep them all in your prayers.