**St. James the Elder, *Apostle* July 25, 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.

**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 of the Day (Trinity 8):** “In God, My Faithful God”
 ~ ***LSB* #745 (memory)**

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

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

 “Growing as One” (see green insert)

 Readings (see back of pink insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day (St. James the Elder):** “Christ, the Life of All the Living”

 ~ ***LSB* #420**

**Sermon:** “Pilgrim’s Progress”*Mark 10:35-45*

**Offering Hymn:** “By All Your Saints in Warfare” ~ ***LSB* #518:1,21,3**

**Closing Hymn:** “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” ~ ***LSB* #661**

Postlude

Last Sunday’s Altar flowers were in honor of the Pleiness Family Reunion from Jim & Carol Hunter.

Altar flowers today are in honor of the Koglin Family Reunion from Jim & Carol Hunter.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 7-18-21: 8:00 | 53 | 49 |
| 7-18-21: 9:30 | 52 | 45 |
| 7-18-21: Total |  105 |  94 |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Tom Grills

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (9:00) Gary Schave, Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (9:00): Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Denee Schave, Suellen Emerick

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 51:1-12 726
 **O.T.:** 2 Samual 22:26-34 730

 **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

 **Gospel:** Luke 16:1-9(10-13) 728

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

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

 **August 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.

**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: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed:   | **7:30** | **Special Church Council Meeting** |
| Fri: |  | Pastor’s Day off |
| Next Sun: | 9:00 | Matins Page 219 on school bldg. lawn |
|  | 10:00  | Potluck brunch in gym (bring your own tableware) |

Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm; 2-3pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday (Pastor & Kathy) **9am – 12pm**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 $111,955.00 Finance Board (7-12-21) $ 100.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 12,045.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (7-12-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 6,825.00  $105,950.00 $95,805.00  |

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***St. James the Elder, Apostle***

The “sons of Zebedee” ask for Seats at Jesus’ *“Right Hand and … Left, in Your Glory”* (Mark 10:37)*.* But they do not know what they are asking (Matt. 20:22), for God’s Kingdom is not of Glory and Power but the Cross. We will bear ours after Him. *“For [His] sake we are being killed”* and *“regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”* But *“in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him”* (Rom. 8:36–37), for Jesus’ death is Unique. He alone is “baptized” with our sin and “drinks the cup” of God’s Wrath against it (Mark 10:38). We live in service to our neighbors after His Example; He alone is *“the Son of Man,”* who Came *“to Give His Life as a Ransom for many”* (Mark 10:45)*.* Today the Church commemorates the Fulfillment of Christ’s Prophecy about James, killed with Herod’s sword (Acts 12:2)*.* He is honored as the first Apostle to be *“Conformed to the Image of [God’s] Son”* (Rom. 8:29). But what is that when *“Christ Jesus is the One who died — more than that, who was Raised — who is at the Right Hand of God … Interceding for us”*? Nothing (not even a sword) can *“separate”* James and *“us from the Love of Christ”* (Rom. 8:34–35).

**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**

The family of Ivan Adkins; Harold Collings

**SHUT-INS**

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

Emmitt Gaffke (Frank & Irma Gaffke’s grandson)

Lloyd Karg (brother of Carol Clark)

**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.

**SIGN UP SHEET -- FOR CUTTING GRASS** –is in the Foyer.If you cannot cut grass, please consider putting $ $ $ $ in the jar next to the list, to help with the cost of gas. You can PICK A PARTNER --- making the job less time consuming for all. If not enough people sign up – calls will be need to be made. Any questions- contact Ray Emerick (428-5110). Thank-you!

**Special Church Council** meeting, July 28th at 7:30 P.M. and **special Voters** **Assembly,** August 8th at 10:45 A.M.. These meetings are for the purpose to discuss/approve recommendations from the church painting committee.

 **Anyone interested in running for a Church office-Elder, Trustee, Board of Christian Education, or Finance Board,** please let an Elder know, so we can get your name on the ballot for the October voters meeting.

**A Big Thank-You** for all who took the time and value to attend **My Party** though attending, cards, e-mails, phone calls, texts, and gifts as it was overwhelming and very appreciated. The money I received went to St. Jude Hospital which needs it more than me cause I like doing and working with kids, which I miss at Sunday School. **God Bless you all,** just as I have been Blessed with family, work, and people like you. Thanks again for the time on a busy weekend for your kindness. Words can’t explain how grateful I am. Blessings from Albert.