**7th Sunday after Trinity  July 26, 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 / Processional Hymn: *LSB* #864** ~ “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

**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* #819** ~ “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Feeding the 4,000” Mark 8:1-9

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #652** ~“Father, We Thank Thee”

**Recognition of the Graduates**

**Closing / Recessional Hymn: *LSB* #924** ~“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 7-19-20: 8:00 | 48 | 45 |
| 7-19-20: 9:30 | 39 | 31 |
| 7-19-20: Total | 87 | 76 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Jenna Arndt

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg S. / Larry R.

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**NEXT SUNDAY (Outside)  
Keyboard**: Jenna Arndt

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Galen Y. / Les W.

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Hunter Iseler / Olivia Woodke

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 26 682   
O.T.: Jeremiah 23:16-29 745  
Epistle: Acts 20:27-38 595  
 or Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 7:15–23 691

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

The June/July ***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.

\*\* **OUTSIDE WORSHIP – Sun., Aug. 2, 9:00am**

at **“Lake Judy”** – 6375 Kinde Rd.

(This will be the *only* worship service offered that day. Due to continued COVID-19 health concerns, there will be *no meal* after the service this year.)

**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 |
|  |  | \*\* Graduates \*\* |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Next Sun: | 9:00 | Matins Page 219 |
|  |  | \*\* Outside Service at “ Lake Judy” \*\* |

**Office Hours:**Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**Thursday (*Pastor) :* **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 $ 92,735.00 Finance Board (7-13-20) $ 160.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 31,265.00**

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (7-13-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 5,930.00**  **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 5,930.00** |

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***Jesus Restores Paradise and Feeds Us Freely***

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the Gracious Hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the Fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The Curse declared, “*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .*” (Gen. 3:19). In other words, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to Restore creation. Having Compassion on the weary multitudes, He Renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, Freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was Raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now Miraculously turns the bread of death into “the Bread of Life” in the Sacrament, giving you His very Body and Blood for your Forgiveness. For “*the Free Gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23).

**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)

Darleen Ferensic (Former Secretary at the Port Hope village hall)

**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.   
Or call Vicki Koglin 989-225-7060

**OFTEN ASKED OF ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** What particular donations do you take?  This is a question not always easy to answer.  Nearly every week someone will ask us at Orphan Grain Train about items so diverse we never considered them before.  For example, someone recently asked whether Orphan Grain Train would take old motel drapes.  Sometimes we have to decline the generosity as graciously as possible when items are not considered humanitarian in nature.  But the simplest answer is that we gladly receive clothing (“gently used”), shoes, hospital equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers, quilts/bedding, stuffed toys, and operable bicycles.  A more extensive list is available at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org), but please never hesitate to ask.  The essential aim of Orphan Grain Train is to share resources and bring Christ’s name and character to needy people both far and near.

**Memorial for Bert Bertschinger, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund**: fromCarol Schave and John Wicker, Ron and Wanda Srebinski & family, Bryce Schave, Joann Cove and Richard Stros, Charlene & Marty Sharrand.

**Memorial for Rita Krueger, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Gary & Bev Finkle, Brian & Shelly Scholtz, Melissa Kruger & Chuck Hessling, Carol Schave and John Wicker.

**Memorial for Ruby Maschke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Alan & Judy McTaggart, Karen Iseler, Les & Linda Weiss and Family, Joann Cove, Susan Weiss.

**Memorial for Ralph Richardson, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Herb & Betty Leese, Emler Leese, Susan Reinke.

**A monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Barnabas:** from Larry & Linda Johnson, Star of the West Milling.

**Memorial for Marvin H. Koglin in what would have been his 90th Birthday on July 29, 2020, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Joyce Koglin.