**9th Sunday after Pentecost \_July 30, 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:** “The Church’s One Foundation” ~ ***LSB* #644**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Matins*”* ***LSB* pp.219ff.**

 **Office Hymn:** “From God Can Nothing Move Me” ~ ***LSB* #713 (memory)**

 “Growing as One” (see green insert)

 Readings (see back white insert)

**Hymn:** “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” **~ *LSB* #554**

**Sermon**: “The Kingdom of Heaven: To Die For”*Matthew 13:44-52*

**Closing Hymn:** “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” ~ ***LSB* #782**

Postlude

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**Thank-you to the following for stepping up at the parsonage (Darla, Lola, Joyce, Brenda, and Terry) and the school (Jeff, Lori, Kevin, Greg, and Denee) to pull weeds and trim shrubs.**

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 7-23: 8:00 | 49 | 45 |
| 7-23: 10:00 | 59 | 47 |
| 7-23: Total | 108 | 92 |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Keyboard:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (9):** Galen Young, Kevin Arndt / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (9)** Greg Woodke / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** **(9):** Jett Zimmerman

**Altar Guild:** Carol Woodke

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

**Ushers (8/10):** Terry Emerick / Alan McTaggart
**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Les Weiss

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

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

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**:136:1-9(23-26) 690
**O.T.:** Isaiah 55:1-5 642

**Epistle:** Romans 9:1-5(6-13) 625,712,789

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21 597

**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.

**August 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: | **9:00** | **Outside Worship & Potluck Picnic** Matins, p.219 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.203 |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2pm – 3pm**Tuesday *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**Wednesday *(Pastor))*: **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**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 NeededReceived (7-10-24,2023) Received year to date Amount Still Needed  |  $ 27,000.00 $ 250.00  $ 1,850.00  $ 25,150.00  |

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (7-10-24,2023) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 14,385.00 $ 119,560.00  $ 101,625.00  |

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; Betty Leese; Logan King

**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)

**In Memory of Erwin Paschke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Irene Pilaski

**In Memory of Erwin Paschke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Mission Fund:** Joyce Koglin: Erin Paschke

**In Memory of Dorothy Warner a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Susan Reinke

**In Memory of Dorothy Warner a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Elmer & Ruth Leese