**8th Sunday after Trinity  August 2, 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* #682** ~ “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

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

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

**Sermon:** “Who’s That Knockin’ at the Door?” Matthew 7:15-24

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #595** ~“O Blessed Spring”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #691**~“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 7-26-20: 8:00 | 59 | 53 |
| 7-26-20: 9:30 | 36 | 34 |
| 7-26-20: Total | 95 | 87 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Keyboard**: Jenna Arndt

**Ushers** (9:00): Terry Emerick, Alan McTaggart, Don Finkel / Albert Bender, Scott Iseler, Max Iseler

**Elder(s)** (9:00): Galen Y. / Les W.

**Acolyte** (9:00):: N/A

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Joe L. / Gary E.

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Hunter Iseler

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 51:1-12 536   
O.T.: 2 Samuel 22:26-34 730,738,853,732  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 748

Gospel: Luke 16:1–9 (10-13) 819

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

The August ***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: | 9:00 | Matins Page 219 |
|  |  | \*\* Outside Service at “ Lake Judy” \*\* |
| 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*): **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy) :* **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor) **9am–12pm** Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 93,135.00 Finance Board (7-27-20) $ 400.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 30,865.00**

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (7-27-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 6,640.00**  **$ 17,320.00**  **$ 12,570.00** |

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***Beware of False Prophets***

“*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves*” (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets “speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD” (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the Judgment of the LORD, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is Condemnation and Wrath. “*You will recognize them by their fruits*” (Matt. 7:20). The “*fruits*” of a true Prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the LORD. This is the Will of the Father in Heaven, that pastors “take heed to the flock,” the Father’s Adopted ones (Rom. 8:12– 17), warning them against the “wolves” and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He Purchased with His own Blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the Cross is that “Good Tree bearing Good Fruit”—namely, the Body and Blood of Christ, “Given and Shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins.”

**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

**CONSIDER AN ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN VOLUNTEER TEAM:** Volunteers are vitally important to process the increasing quantity of goods generously given for the mission of Orphan Grain Train.  Have you thought of possibly making up a small team?  Please consider the possibility from your church whether from the Thumb or wherever in the Valley region.  A carload of two or three volunteers might come to Sebewaing once a month.  The time involvement, whether much or little, would be entirely up to you.  The satisfaction in serving distant people whom Jesus loves is enormous.  For information about volunteering contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan branch manager, Pastor Dave Reed at 989-600-2264.  No qualifications are necessary except a heart for those around the world who are impoverished, displaced, or discouraged.

**Memorial for Mildred Pease, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** from Susan Reinke, Elmer and Ruth Lease.