**9th Sunday after Trinity  August 9, 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* #748** ~ “I’m But a Stranger Here”

**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* #730** ~ “What Is the World to Me” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Your Money or Your Life” Luke 16:1-13

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #819**~“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 8-2-20: 9:30 | 44 | N/A |
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| 8-2-20: Total | 44 | N/A |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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

**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): Greg W. / Larry R.

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

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 92 907   
O.T.: Jeremiah 8:4-12 873,644,682,847  
 or Jeremiah 7:1-11  
Epistle: Romans 9:30-10:4 540  
 or 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: Luke 19:41–48 639

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: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Fri: | 5:30 | Weiss – Maurer Rehearsal |
| Sat: | 1:30 | Weiss – Maurer Wedding |
| 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 & Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy) :* **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 $ 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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***The Steward’s Shrewdness Sanctified***

“*The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness*” (Luke 16:1– 9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our Heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the “Steward” who has Canceled our debt, knowing that His Forgiveness will be Honored by the Father because of the Holy Cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into Heavenly use in the Anointing of Baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal Home when their earthly home fails. These provide us Aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the LORD is our Strength and a Shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

**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)

Ethan Woodke (grandson of Marv & Carol Woodke)

Tyler & Sarah (Witherspoon) Thomas, who were married yesterday

**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

**THE ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN WINDOW:** Viewed from the street anyone passing the Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Center would see a fifty foot wide window.  The window is filled with wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, crutches, and many other orthopedic supplies waiting for foreign shipment to people in impoverished and sometimes desperate need.  Among the most welcomed items donated to OGT include these medical items.  Orphan Grain Train cannot ship pharmaceuticals or anything marked with an expiration date.  But health kits, hospital materials like scrubs, child diapers, adult hygiene supplies, and orthopedic equipment are hugely needed.  One day soon the window will be empty again following the next international shipment only to be filled once more as needs continue among people God loves.  The OGT Center is located at 126 E. Main St., in downtown Sebewaing.  Our thanks to those who pray for and support the mission of Orphan Grain Train.