**11th Sunday after Trinity  August 23, 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* #772** ~ “In Holy Conversation”

**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* #559** ~ “Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “The One with the Most Points is Dead” *Luke 18:9-14*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #616** ~“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 8-16-20: 8:00 | 54 | 50 |
| 8-16-20: 9:30 | 21 | 19 |
| 8-16-20: Total | 75 | 69 |

**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): ): Greg Schave / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): ): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

**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): Galen Young / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Wyatt Hoody

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 146 905   
O.T.: Isaiah 29:17-24 545  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 846,524,660,841  
 or Romans 10:9-17

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 549

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.

**Flowers on altar are from Jim & Carol Hunter** in thanksgiving for 52 years of marriage.

**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 |
| 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 $ 93,275.00 Finance Board (8-10-20) $ 140.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 30,725.00**

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

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| --- | --- |
| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (8-10-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 7,080.00**  **$ 25,980.00**  **$ 19,650.00** |

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***The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly***

“*And the LORD had Regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard*” (Gen. 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain’s offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the LORD. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, “*God, be Merciful to me, a sinner!”* was the one who “went down to his house Justified” before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). “*For by Grace you have been Saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the Gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast*” (Eph. 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the Atoning Mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared Righteous. For Christ died for our sins and Rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1–10). Therefore, “*everyone who exalts himself will be Humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be Exalted*.”

**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**

**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 (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)

**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

**Memorial for Bev Hartz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Melvin Hartz, Rod & Corinne Damm, Cliff Hartz, her sister-in-law Donna Wolschlayer and husband Al, her Daughter Michelle and son-in-law Donald Perdue, and children, Donald Jr Perdue, Tabatha Bassey & families