**Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist August 29, 2021**

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 of the Day (Trinity 13):** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ” ~
 ***LSB* #683**  **(memory)**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service , *Setting 4*

 *Introit* (see light pink insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

 “Growing as One” (see green insert)

 Readings (see back of light pink insert)

 Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day (Martyrdom):** “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” ~***LSB* #750**

**Sermon:** “The Great Stuggle”*Mark 6:14-29*

**Distribution Hymn:** “By All Your Saints in Warfare” ~ ***LSB* #518:1,24,3**

**Closing Hymn:** “Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses” ~ ***LSB* #667**

Postlude

We **welcome** today as our guest pastor the Rev. David Reed, *Emeritus,* Sebewaing. Rev. Reed is the Director of the Sebewaing center of Orphan Grain Train.

**CHURCH PAINTING OFFERING:** A special free will offering will be collected next Sunday, Sept. 5, to help fund this month’s interior painting. Any funds collected will decrease the amount used from the Church Improvement Fund. (Another offering will be taken after the painting.)

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 8-22-21: 8:00 | 57 | 52 |
| 8-22-21: 9:30 | 52  | 45 |
| 8-22-21: Total |  109 |  97 |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Schave / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Logan Iseler / Wyatt Hoody

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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Ken Steinbis, Gary Eggert, Justin Voss, Brad Voss, Cody Brown

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carole Woodke, Linda Johnson

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 119:9-16 873
 **O.T.:** Proverbs 4:10-23 849

 **Epistle:** Galations 5:16-24 696,707,867

 **Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19 793

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

 The **August *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) are available on the entryway table.

 **September newsletters** are in your church boxes.

 **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 in writing.

 **Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

 **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

**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 |
| Sun-Sat |  | Pastor Vacation |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
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Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm OFFICE CLOSED**Tuesday (*Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9 – 11:30am; 2 - 3pm OFFICE CLOSED**Thursday (*Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday (Kathy) **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $190,000.00

Received so far $136,565.00 Finance Board (8-24-21) $ 265.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 53,435.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (8-24-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 5,410.00  $130,400.00 $113,275.00  |

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***The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist***

*“Are we to continue in sin that Grace may abound? By no means!”* (Rom. 6:1–2).John preached the Law boldly against Herod’s adultery with Herodias. Choosing human honor over honesty, Herod served up John’s head on a platter to pacify Herodias’ conscience without the contrition and repentance of Baptism (Mark 6:17–28). So John was *“slain for the Word of God and for the witness [he] had borne”* (Rev. 6:9). John is Christ’s forerunner also in death; other fellow servants and brothers continue to be martyrs (witnesses) of Christ to this day (Rev. 6:11). Their deaths are *“precious in the Sight of the Lord”* (Ps. 116:15) and so also to us, who celebrate even a beheading. Such is the confidence of the Baptized! *“Buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death,”* we believe *“we shall certainly be United with Him in a Resurrection like His”* also (Rom. 6:4–5). United to Christ, the Church’s Head, John can be confident that he will be reunited to his own at the Last Day. Even John isn’t really the forerunner, because Jesus has gone before us all: out of the tomb Alive, “the Firstborn of those who sleep!”

**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**

Jennifer Kelly; Schave & Smaglinski families at the birth of Weston Gregory Smaglinski to Randy & Brittany [Schave]; Jack & Carol Noble

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin | Wally Schave |
|  Yvonne Fuhrman  | Elmer/Ruth Leese  | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |
|  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

**FRIENDS**

Brendan Durkee (grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Lloyd Karg (brother of Carol Clark)

Howard Schmaltz (brother of Janet Weiss)

Rev. Tony Sikora, Hope, DeWitt (preached at Pastor Dodge’s Installation)

**SIGN UP SHEET -- FOR CUTTING GRASS** –is in the Foyer. If you cannot cut grass, please consider putting $ $ $ $ in the jar next to the list, to help with the cost of gas. You can PICK A PARTNER --- making the job less time consuming for all. If not enough people sign up – calls will be need to be made. Any questions- contact Ray Emerick (428-5110). Thank-you!

**Anyone interested in running for a church office - Elder, Trustee, Board of Christian Education, or Finance Board,** please let an Elder know, so we can get your name on the ballot for the October Voters meeting.

**2021 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.

We have received a n updated figure from the stained glass company. They are reflected on this week’s bulletin report.

**In Memory of Della Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol & Jim Hunter

**In Memory of Ivan & Betty Adkins, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol & Jim Hunter

**In Memory of Norma Eilber, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol & Jim Hunter

**In Memory of Ivan Adkins, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Sherry Fent

**In Memory of Joann Arnold Schmalz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Rodney & Janet Weiss

**In Memory of Norma Eilber, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Stained Glass Fund:** Darla Pankow, Lavern & Brenda Friedland, Larry & Joyce Harwood

**In Memory of Howard and Della Finkle, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Stained Glass Fund:** Howard & Della Finkle

A Smile from Kathy.

 