**14th Sunday after Trinity September 5, 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:** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ~ ***LSB* #873**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Matins

*Introit* (see first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back of first white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” ~ ***LSB* #849** **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Two Paths: Life & Death”*Proverbs 4:10-23*

**Distribution Hymn:** “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” ~ ***LSB* #707** “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” ~ ***LSB* #867**

(“O God, My Faithful God” ~ ***LSB* #696**)

**Closing Hymn:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” ~ ***LSB* #793**

Postlude

Flowers on Altar are from Shawn & Carol Young as they celebrate their 20 year Wedding Anniversary

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 8-29-21: 8:00 | 50 | 49 |
| 8-29-21: 9:30 | 41 | 36 |
| 8-29-21: Total | 91 | 85 |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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**: Carol Woodke / Linda Johnson

**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) Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke / Linda Johnson

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 146 728   
 **O.T.:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 760

**Epistle:** Galatians 5:25 ̶ 6:10 720, 809, 537

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:24-34 646

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

The **September *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 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Caseville |
|  | 4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Class |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Confirmation Class |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  |  | **Baptism: Weston Gregory Smaglinski** |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |

Monday (*Pastor*): **Office Closed**Tuesday (*Becky*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9 – 11:30am; 2 - 3pm**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday (Pastor & Kathy) **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $124,000.00

Received so far $112,865.00 Finance Board (8-9-21) $ 740.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 11,135.00

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2021** | |
| Needed per count  Received (8-9-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $ 5,615.00  $122,250.00  $107,865.00 |

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 ***The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy***

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, *“Jesus, Master, have Mercy on us!”* (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the “works of the flesh” cut us off from God and others. *“Those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God”* (Gal. 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, *“Lord, have Mercy; Christ, have Mercy; Lord, have Mercy,”* eagerly seeking His Good Gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, *“Go and show yourselves to the priests.”* And as they went, they were Cleansed. So too, we “walk by faith and not by sight,” being confident of Jesus’ Help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ Cleansing Words of Forgiveness will Restore us to Wholeness in the Resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the True High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus Bore our infirmities in His Sacrifice at Calvary. His Words are Life to those who find them, and Health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10–23).

**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; Jack & Carol Noble

**SHUT-INS**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 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. 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.

**In Memory of Virgina Finkel whom passed on Sept 5, 2017 a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** by her Son Larry Finkel

**In Memory of Della Finkel a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Arnette Gahlau

**In Memory of Linda Shaw a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Erwin Schave

**In Memory of Betty Adkins a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Erwin Schave

**In Memory of Steven Tageson a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Erwin Schave

**Thank you** to **Leroy Schave**, who has generously given a donation toward the church interior painting project.

**Correction to the Wedding Anniversaries in the September Newsletter**.   
Due to a clerical error, a very important 1 year anniversary was missed.   
Please Congratulate Cody and Marissa Siemen on Sept. 26th.

A Smile from Kathy

