**15th Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023**

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’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” ~ ***LSB* #826**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.151ff.**

*Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see green insert)

Readings (see back white insert)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” ~ ***LSB* #820 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “Ezekiel? Not Me!”*Ezek.. 33:7-9*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” **~ *LSB* #610**

“I Come, O Savior; to Thy Table” ~ ***LSB* #618**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” ~ ***LSB* #662**

**Closing Hymn:** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ~ ***LSB* #528**

Postlude

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Altar flowers today are given by Robert & Corrine Abaham in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary: and by Samir & Leann Matta.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 9-3: 8:00 | 58 | 54 |
| 9-3: 10:00 | 67 | 42 |
| 9-3: Total | 125 | 76 |
| 9-3: S.S./B.C. | 3 | 5 |
| 9-6: Bible Study | 7 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Gary Eggert, Cody Brown

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Greg Schave, Joe Landenberg, Tanton Babcock / Gary Eggert, Cody Brown

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Maddix Thoms / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carol Hunter

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**:103:1-12 915   
**O.T.:** Genesis 50:15-21 501

**Epistle:** Romans 14:1-12 611, 609, 616

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35 763

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

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

**September newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**2023** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the entryway.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the

church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for

publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

**2023 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway. Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  **Grandparents’ Day** | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Kilmanaugh |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
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|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Grade Confirmation Class |

Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2 – 3pm**

Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 12pm**

Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**

Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**

Friday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**

Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Total Needed  Received (8-14 2023)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 350.00   $ 2,310.00   $ 24,690.00 |

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Needed per count  Received (8-14 2023)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $ 2,830.00  $ 136,640.00   $ 116,285.00 |

Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

**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**   
Rosemary Koglin

**SHUT-INS**

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| Yvonne Fuhrman | Jack Noble  (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Sandy Struble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Norma Johnson | Jeanette Piotter  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin | Erwin Schave  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Arlene Zelz  (Sanilac Co. Medical) |
| Joyce Koglin | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |  |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese | Jeffrey Schave |  |

**FRIENDS**

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

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

David Sias (7-year-old great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Jaxon Bates (newborn great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Duane Schave

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  HARVEST HOME DINNER, Sunday, October 8th, 2023!**  Preparations are under way for this year’s Harvest Home Dinner.  We will be having dine-in and carry-out.  Sign up will begin in a few weeks for your help with this undertaking.  If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.  Thank you--Shannon Popour (989-670-7780)

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied Grace."  1 Peter 4:10

**Thank-you** for the cards, prayers, and all the help during my hospital stay.  
 It was very much appreciated. **Betty Leese**

**From: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing**

**Re: Day 3 Seeds Scooping Event**

Immanuel, Sebewaing invites you to join us in supporting the humanitarian work of DAY 3 SEEDS INC. Scooping will take place in the Great Room of Immanuel, located at 800 E Bay St.

We will be packaging garden seeds which will be sent to foreign countries along with the Gospel of Christ. Executive Director and co-founder, Mike Mueller, will be here on **Tuesday, September 19** to conduct this exciting activity, beginning at **3:00pm**. Mueller will give a visual presentation of current projects. A complimentary light supper will be served to all volunteers at 5:00. Donations will be taken and all given to Day 3 Seeds, Inc. This event has support from Thrivent Financial.

For more information about the event, please contact Richard Wrobleski (1-989-883-2818).

As in the past, we like seeing a few of our fellow saints from neighboring congregations working alongside our own for such a worthy cause. We hope to see you there. Doors open at 2:30 PM. The church is located at 800 E. Bay St.