**15th Sunday after Trinity September 12, 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

**Baptism Hymn:** “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” ~ ***LSB* #592**

**Opening Hymn:** “How Firm a Foundation” ~ ***LSB #728***

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

 *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:** “What God Ordains Is Always Good” ~ ***LSB* #760** **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “God’s Way”*1 Kings 17:8-16*

**Distribution Hymns:** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” ~ ***LSB* #720** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ~ ***LSB* #809**

(“Beautiful Savior” ~ ***LSB* #537**)

**Closing Hymn:** “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” ~ ***LSB* #646**

Postlude

We welcome today (8:00am), through the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, **Weston Gregory Smaglinski**, infant son of Randy & Brittany Smaglinski. Weston’s Sponsors are Kristen Martin & Cody Siemen. “Write the name we now have given; Write it in the Book of Heaven!” (***LSB*** **#592:5**)

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 9-5-21: 8:00 | 54 | 50 |
| 9-5-21: 9:30 | 42  | 35  |
| 9-5-21: Total |  96 |  85 |
| 9-8-32: Bible Study | 7 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Tom Grills

**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

**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) Galen Young / Larry Reinke

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

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 30 528
 **O.T.:** 1 Kings 17:17-24 758

 **Epistle:** Ephesians 3:13-21 763, 594, 754

 **Gospel:** Luke 7:11-17 533

 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 |
|  |  | **Baptism: Weston Smaglinski** |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
|  | 7:00 | Ladies Aid |
| Tues:   | 10:00  | “Winkel” @ Caseville |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 4:00  | 8th Confirmation Class |
| Sat: | 10:00 | LWML Zone Board Meeting – here, Big Room |
|  | 12:00 | LWML Zone Rally – here,gymnasium |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  |  | **Baptisms: Reagan Witherspoon & Madilyn Simmers** |

Monday (*Pastor*): **9 – 11:30am; 2 - 3pm**Tuesday (*Kathy*): **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: $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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***Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust***

*“You cannot serve God and money”* (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the True God, a confident trust that He is a Loving Father who will Care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the Word of the LORD spoken by Elijah that “the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry” (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly Provide for our daily needs. For He has already Provided for our eternal Needs, Clothing us with Christ’s Righteousness in Baptism and Feeding us His Body and Blood for our Forgiveness. With such confidence we are Liberated from worry and Freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the Household of Faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

**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; Trent & Mackenzie [Lackowski] Popour (married here on 8-28)

**SHUT-INS**

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

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN CALL FOR GOODS**

In two years of regular operations, Orphan Grain Train—Michigan has prepared 9,000 boxes of humanitarian relief assembled at the OGT Center in Sebewaing.  Goods include clothing, bedding, medical equipment, hygiene and school kits, and more.  Donations and funding gifts make this work possible.  We continue a general call throughout the church.  Donations of clean serviceable clothing of all sorts (infant, children, adult) are welcomed.  Medical supplies, bicycles in working condition, and blankets are also in the nature of primary needed goods.  A much fuller list may be found at [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).  Tap “What We Do / Special Project / Wish List.”  Items may be delivered to the OGT-Michigan CenterTuesdays or Thursdays (9:00 am—noon) or by special arrangement by calling 989-600-2264.  The Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Center is located at 126 E. Main, Sebewaing.  Our team of volunteers actively prepares these desperately needed relief supplies for people world-wide.

**In Memory of Joann Tschirhart Sengstock a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Robert and Corrine Abraham, Larry and Joyce Harwood, Gary and Bev Finkel, Darla Pankow, Art Sengstock, Jr.

**In Memory of Joann Tschirhart Sengstock a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Chris and Kari Ann VerEllen, Butch and Brenda Friedland

**A Smile from Kathy**

