**14th Sunday after Trinity  September 13, 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* #528**~ “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

*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* #849** ~ “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Thanks, But No Thanks!” *Luke17:11-19*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #790** ~“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 9-06-20: 8:00 | 63 | 58 |
| 9-06-20: 9:30 | 41 | 36 |
| 9-06-20: Total | 104 | 94 |
| 9-06-20: Sunday School | 0 |  |
| 9-09-20: Bible Study | 8 |  |

**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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Woodke / Les Weiss

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Schave / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Wyatt Hoody

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 146 869   
O.T.: 1 Kings 17:8-16 760  
Epistle: Galatians 5:25 - 6:10 712

Gospel: Matthew 6:24 - 34 726

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

The September ***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.

**Life Issues of the Voter:** Sat., Sept. 26, 10am-noon, at St. Luke, Clinton Twp.: Speaker: Rev. Paul Clark, St. Paul, Fowler, & Pres. of MI Lutherans for Life; Livestreamed through Facebook; To Register: (586) 214-3116 or [Schaidtl@gmail.com](mailto:Schaidtl@gmail.com).  
 Lutherans for Life leaflets – “Is Abortion an Election Issue?” – written by Rev. Michael Salemink, Pres. of L.f.L., are available in the entryway.

**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 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th grade Confirmation class |
|  | 5:30 | 8th grade Confirmation class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Elders |
|  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |

**Office Hours:**Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor)*: **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 at 989-428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 94,130.00 Finance Board (8-24-20) $ 855.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 29,870.00**

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (8-24-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 2,870.00**  **$ 38,640.00**  **$ 22,520.00** |

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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**

Lisa Leese, Hugh Harwood

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Mary Forbing | Gloria Schmalz |
| Arnold Brown | Yvonne Fuhrman | Helen Schultz |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Charlie Koglin | Arlene Zelz |
| Elaine Eggert | Elmer/Ruth Leese |  |
| Nelson Erbisch | Willard Reinke |  |
| Howard/Della Finkel | Jeffrey Schave |  |

**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

The Ladies Aid has made the difficult decision to **cancel the 2020 Harvest Home Dinner**.  The health and safety of our members and community comes first.

We look forward to serving you in 2021.  Stay healthy!!

CHARITY NAVAGATOR **AWARDS ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN ITS HIGHEST RATING**It is good for those undertaking charitable giving to know an organization’s record and financial rating.  Orphan Grain Train has recently received the annual rating of Charity Navigator, the premier surveyor of charitable integrity.  Orphan Grain Train is among Charity Navigator’s Top Ten List and ranks #6 out of 9,000 reviewed charities which accept only private donations.  We are grateful for the public transparency of Orphan Grain Train and its record which continually places OGT among the most trusted and financially accountable charities.  OGT again received ‘4 Stars,’ Charity Navigator’s highest rating and a 100% Overall Score & Rating for Financial, and Accountability & Transparency.  Please note 98.2% of all financial donations directly help those in need; only 1.8% is allocated to administrative or marketing costs.  The Michigan branch of OGT is entirely self-supporting and all-volunteer.  100% of branch donations to Orphan Grain Train—Michigan are directed to fund the mission.

**Memorial for Nathan Kaufman, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Karen Isler