**15th Sunday after Trinity  September 20, 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* #869**~ “With the Lord, Begin Your Task”

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

**Sermon:** “Seeking God’s Kingdom in This Life” Matthew 6*:24-34*

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #712** ~“Seek Ye First”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #726** ~“Evening and Morning”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 9-13-20: 8:00 | 62 | 56 |
| 9-13-20: 9:30 | 43 | 38 |
| 9-13-20: Total | 105 | 94 |
| 9-13-20: Sunday School | 0 |  |
| 9-16-20: Bible Study | 9 |  |

**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 Schave / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / 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) Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Olivia Woodke

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 30 548   
O.T.: 1 Kings 17:17-24 758  
Epistle: Ephesians 3:13 - 21 Anniversary Hymn

Gospel: Luke 7:11 - 17 818

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Oct. – Dec. ***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.

**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

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th grade Confirmation class |
|  | 5:30 | 8th grade Confirmation class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 6:00 | Siemen-Schave Rehearsal (@ “Lake Judy”) |
| Sat: | 4:00 | Siemen-Schave Wedding (@ “Lake Judy”) |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 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)*:* **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 $ 94,615.00 Finance Board (9-14-20) $ 485.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 29,385.00**

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

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| --- | --- |
| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (9-14-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 9,985.00**  **$ 47,300.00**  **$ 32,505.00** |

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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**

Lisa Leese; Hugh Harwood; Ivan Adkins; Jeanette Piotter; Anne Schubring

**SHUT-INS**

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

**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)

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!!  
  
**Thank-you** **Donna Tursak and Larry Reinke,** for redoing our church front doors. They LOOK GREAT.

**QUILTS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN—MICHIGAN**

**Many Women’s Quilting Groups across the church may have recently learned Covid-19 is keeping them from contributing quilts where they previously have done so.  Nevertheless, quilters have a very viable option.  Orphan Grain Train—Michigan located in Sebewaing continues to receive and distribute quilts, blankets, clothing, and medical equipment without restriction.  Far from being constrained, Orphan Grain Train remains busy processing donated goods for distribution.  Quilts are among the most appreciated items from caring women who devote great effort making them.  In February an international shipment from the OGT-M Center in Sebewaing arrived in Kyrgyzstan to benefit struggling people just as the pandemic hit that region of Asia.  The Michigan warehouse of Orphan Grain Train is now being stocked for further Christian humanitarian aid world-wide.  Another shipment is planned for this autumn likely to Central America.  For information about donating quilts or other goods, contact branch manager, Pastor David Reed (989-600-2264).**

**CORRECTION to the bulletin on August 23:  
Memorial for Bev Hartz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Melvin Hartz, Rod & Corinne Damm, Cliff Hartz, her sister-in-law Donna Wolschlayer and husband Al, her Daughter Michelle and son-in-law Donald Perdue, and children, Donald Jr Perdue, Tabatha Bassey & families.

**Should have included** that this was a memorial for Bev Hartz whom would have been 79, on August 27, 2020.

**Memorial for Bev Hartz’s 79th birthday on August 27rd, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Gerry and Marsha Hartz.

**In honor of 52 years of Marriage from Carol & Jim Hunter, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol and Jim Hunter

**Memorial for Ruby Maschke, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol and Jim Hunter

**Memorial for Walt Beyer, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol and Jim Hunter

**Memorial for Keith Hunter, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Carol and Jim Hunter

**In Memory of my Dad, Art Jahn, who passed away 9/13/2019 , a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Marv & Vicki Koglin

**In Memory of Stanley Osentoski, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin

**In Memory of Betty Schuman Healis, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin

**Memorial for Nathan Kaufman, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Gary Eggert, Ron & Kathy Mausolf, Alan & Judy McTaggart, Joyce Koglin, Arnie & Mary Eggert, Herb & Betty Leese, Richard & Darlene Tyler, LeRoy & Alice Schave, Dennis & Jennifer Kelley

**Memorial for Nathan Kaufman, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran:** Al & Phyllis Will, Jason & Traci Moon, Chad & Kelli Johnson, Matt & Gretchen Woodke, Joan Kleinknecht & Family

With Albert Bender’s suggestion we have added “**A Smile for You**” to the bulletin.

Please send me any you would like to include. Thank-you, Kathy

**A Smile for You:**

A little boy is in a restaurant praying, “God is Good, God is Great. Thank-you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets me ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all. Amen.” A lady at the next table then says, “What’s wrong with children asking God for ice cream.” A man then walks by and tells the boy he knows that God thought that was a good prayer and notes ice cream is good for the soul sometimes. When the boy gets his ice cream, he walks it over to the lady and tells her, “Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already.”