**17th Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 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  
**BLESSING OF NEW CANDELABRAS/CANDLES & URN PALL**

**Baptism Hymn (8am):** “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” ~ ***LSB* #592**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8am)** ~ ***LSB* pp268ff.**

**Opening Hymn of the Day:** “Salvation unto Us Has Come” ~ ***LSB* #****555:1-5**

**(memory)**

**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:** “Salvation unto Us Has Come” ~ ***LSB* #555:6-10 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “My Imprisonment Is For Christ”*Philippians 1:12-14,19-30*

**Offering Hymn:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ~ ***Anniv. Hymn*** (insert)

**Distribution Hymns:** “The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place” **~ *LSB* #838**

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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #660**

**Closing Hymn:** “Lift High the Cross” ~ ***LSB* #837**

Postlude

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We welcome today (8:00am), through the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, **Bexley Ann Siemen**, infant daughter of Cody & Marissa Siemen. Bexley’s Sponsors are Brittany Smaglinski, Ryan Siemen, and Jordan 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**

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| 9-17: 8:00 | 48 | 43 |
| 9-17: 10:00 | 32 | 29 |
| 9-17: Total | 80 | 72 |
| 9-17: S.S./B.C. | 1 | 6 |
| 9-20: Bible Study | 5 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

**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):** Greg Woodke / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Janet Schave/ Carolyn Collings

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 25:1-10 904, 655  
**O.T.:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 855

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:1-4(5-13)14-18 781, 787, 809

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-27(28-32) 847

**October – Dec. *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

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

**October 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.**

**Flowers** placed on the Altar on the left are in honor of Adam Dodge’s birthday (9-23) from his parents. The flowers on the right are in honor of the Baptism of Bexley Siemen given by her parents.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: |  | **Blessing of Candelabras/Candles & Urn Pall** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  |  | **Holy Baptism** |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: |  | **L.W.M.L. Sunday** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 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 (9-11 2023)  Received year to date  Amount Still Needed | $ 27,000.00  $ 630.00   $ 2,770.00   $ 24,230.00 |

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

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| **January - December 31, 2023** | |
| Needed per count  Received (9-11 2023)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,540.00  $ 10,660.00  $ 145,180.00   $ 126,945.00 |

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

**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 (infant great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Duane Schave

Vicki Mix (daughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Today we dedicate/bless **new Altar candelabras/candles** and a **new urn pall**. The candelabras/candles were graciously purchased/donated by Kathy Mausolf in memory of her husband Ron; and the urn pall was purchased/donated by Joyce Koglin. Thank you to these families for their generosity in beautifying God’s house.

**HARVEST HOME DINNER, Sunday, Oct. 8th, 2023!** Sign up today after services. Everyone’s **help and donations are greatly appreciated**. If you have any questions, please give me a shout at 989-670-7780. Thank you for all you do! Shannon

**HARVEST HOME DINNER, Sunday, October 8th, 2023. 11:30 to 3pm**.Turkey and ham with all the trimmings. Adults and take out $14, Children 5-12 $8, under 5 free.

**In Memory of Dan May a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran General Fund:** Terri Reinke, Darla Pankow, Lola Smith

**2023 MICHIGAN MARCH FOR LIFE –** On November 8, at the State Capitol steps in Lansing, there will be Life Rally at 11:00am, followed by a Life March at 12:00pm. Lutherans For Life of Michigan encourages all Lutherans to attend and to encourage fellow congregation members, family, and friends to attend with them. Rev. Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan wrote in the *Lifelines* newsletter: “We want to clearly demonstrate that those who advocate for the lives of our unborn babies have not abandoned the battle. **We are not going away.** With the passing last year of *Proposal 3*, Michigan has become a state controlled by a radical pro-abortion agenda. There are some who may think that this would discourage pro-life people into giving up in our effort to uphold the sanctity of human life. We need to show clearly that this is **not** the case. We will **never** give up. These tiny babies – *little boys and girls* – need us, and they need us to **stand fast**.” **Following the March** everyone is invited to a Lutheran Rally, refreshments, and fellowship at Hope Lutheran Church1180 West Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI 48820, which is but a short distance from the March and is also conveniently located near the expressways.