**17th Sunday after Trinity September 26, 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

**Opening Hymn:** “Take My Life and Let It Be” ~ ***LSB #783***

**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:** “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” ~ ***LSB* #557**  **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Wisdom”*Proverbs 25:6-14*

**Offering Hymn: “**Anniversary Hymn”

**Distribution Hymns:** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ~ ***LSB* #733** “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” ~ ***LSB* #811**

(“Where Charity and Love Prevail” ~ ***LSB* #845**)

**Closing Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” ~ ***LSB* #850**

Postlude

**Flowers** on the Altar are in honor of Adam Dodge’s birthday from his parents.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 9-19-21: 8:00 | 48 | 43 |
| 9-19-21: 9:30 | 68 | 51 |
| 9-19-21: Total | 116 | 94 |
| 9-22-21: Bible Study |  |  |

**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, Cody Brown

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

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Randy Smaglinski, Cody Siemen, Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave / Les Weiss, Steven Swiss, Joe Weiss

Elder(s) (8/9:30): Joe Landenberg / Gary Eggert

Acolyte (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (L.W.M.L.)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**: 34:8-22 794   
 **O.T.:** Deuteronomy 10:12-21 694, 855:1,3-4

**Epistle:** 1 Cornithians 1:(1-3)4-9 894, 803, 842

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-46 797

**October – December** ***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 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Confirmation Class |
| Thurs: | 7:30 | Long Range Planning |
| Sat: | 6pm | **Baptism (**Levi Hill) |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 3:00 | **Guitar concert** (here, outside till 4:30) |

Monday (*Pastor*): **9 – 11:30am; 2 - 3pm**Tuesday (Pastor & *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 $137,025.00 Finance Board (9-13-21) $ 460.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 52,975.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2021** | |
| Needed per count  Received (9-13-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $ 9,380.00  $138,550.00  $122,655.00 |

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 ***Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted***

*“Do not put yourself forward in the King’s presence”* (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to Give. “Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love” (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may Give you Glory in the presence of those at the Table with you. *“For everyone who exalts himself will be Humbled, and he who humbles himself will be Exalted”* (Luke 14:1– 11). Is this not the Way of Christ? He is the One who Took the lowest place, who “Humbled Himself even to the point of death” for us. He is now Exalted to the Highest Place at the Right Hand of the Father that penitent believers may be Exalted together with Him in the Resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, *“Friend, move up Higher,”* Giving you His very Body and Blood for your Forgiveness that you may Ascend to take part in the Great “Wedding Feast” which has no end.

**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**

Jack & Carol Noble; Ann Schubring; family of Steve Schubring

**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 | 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.

The **Sept. 5 free will offering** for the church interior painting (which will now be done after October) totaled **$971.** Another collection will be done after completion of the project.

**Harvest Home Dinner October 10, 2021 11:30am-2:00p.m.**

$12.00 Take out only 300 tickets (first come, first serve)

As it has become difficult to get workers, Ladies Aid has decided to do a take-out only Harvest Home Dinner this year. You can purchase your tickets, sign up to work and/or sign up to donate pies after Sunday services for the next 3 weeks in the narthex. Or pick up tickets during Kathy’s office hours, which are noted in the bulletin.

As we did not have the dinner in 2020, let’s come together this year to have a very successful event, doing it with joy and recalling 1 Peter 4:9 – “Show hospitality to one another without grumbling”.

There will be a door offering on October 3,2021 for the Harvest Home Dinner.

Please contact Denee @ 989-428-3034 if you have any questions.

**9th Annual William Henry Russell classical guitar concert. Oct 3rd**

Winner of the 2018 Indiana Fingerstyle Competition and 3rd place finalist in the 2018 International Fingerstyle Guitar Competition, Bill has a unique style with a wide variety of musical selections. His concerts have always been enjoyable. Please join us October 3rd, 3:00-4:30pm at St. John Lutheran School, Port Hope. Outdoors if weather permits, otherwise in the gymnasium. A free will offering will be collected.

**L.W.M.L Mite boxes are available on Oct. 3rd ,** please return when full to the Narthex or in the offering plate.

**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.

**A Smile from Kathy**

