**16th Sunday after Trinity  September 27, 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* #548**~ “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

**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* #758**~ “The Will of god Is Always Best” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Ally at the Gates” Luke 7*:11-17*

**Offering Hymn:** “150th Anniversary Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #818** ~“In Thee Is Gladness”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 9-20-20: 8:00 | 64 | 58 |
| 9-20-20: 9:30 | 30 | 27 |
| 9-20-20: Total | 94 | 85 |
| 9-20-20: Sunday School | 0 |  |
| 9-23-20: Bible Study | 8 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Jenna Arndt

**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

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Marv Koglin, Bryce Schave/ Les Weiss, Steven Weiss, Joe Weiss

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Joe Landerberg / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Jordan Schave

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 2 853   
O.T.: Proverbs 25:6-14 557  
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1 - 6 8551, 3-4

Gospel: Luke 14:1 - 11 782

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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

Altar flowers today are given by the Dodges in honor of Adam’s 25th birthday (Sept. 23).

**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 |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 7:30 | Long Range Planning |
| 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 & Kathy)*: **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 $ 94,615.00 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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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

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***Jesus Calls forth Life from Death***

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession; Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the City (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with Compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to Overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His Creative Words of Life: *“Young man, I say to you, arise.”* Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father *“is Able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think”* (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus Bore our death in His Body that we may Share in His Resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (1 Kings 17:17–24), God Stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His Name in the Baptismal Water, Breathing New and everlasting Life into us. *“To Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

**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; Mary Forbing; Carol Young & Family (at death of her mother, Lucille Setter)

**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**

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)

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!!  
  
**Memorial for Cherye Krueger, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joann Cove

**Memorial for Cherye Krueger, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Choir Fund:** Dale & Families of Cherye

**In Memory of Jean Blacker, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Frank & Audrey Zinger, Bev Brown, Marilyn Labor, Employees of the Leader Tool Company, and The Blacker Family

**A Smile for You:**

A little girl walked to elementary school every day. One afternoon a thunderstorm popped up so her mother got in the car and drove along the route to the school. She soon saw her little girl walking along happily. Every time there was a flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.

The mother drew up alongside in her car and rolled down her window, calling to the girl, “What are you doing Honey?”

The child answered, “I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture.”