**18th Sunday after Trinity (L.W.M.L. Sunday) October 3, 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:** “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” ~ ***LSB #794***

**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:** “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” ~ ***LSB* #694**  **(memory)**

**Sermon**: “A Realistic Perspective” *Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

**Offering Hymn: “**For All the Faithful Women” ~ ***LSB* #855:1,3-4**

**Distribution Hymns:** “For the Fruits of His Creation” ~ ***LSB* #894** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ~ ***LSB* #803**

(“Son of God, Eternal Savior” ~ ***LSB* #842**)

**Closing Hymn:** “Praise the Almighty” ~ ***LSB* #797**

Postlude

We welcome (Saturday 10-2), through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Levi Otis Hill, infant son of Justine Watts & Richard Hill. Levi’s Sponsors are Jolene Iseler and Maxwell Iseler.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 9-26-21: 8:00 | 50 | 41 |
| 9-26-21: 9:30 | 42 | 37  |
| 9-26-21: Total |  92 |  78 |
| 9-29-21: Bible Study | 8 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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

**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): Greg Woodke / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Logan Iseler

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 84 686,708
 **O.T.:** Genesis 28:10-17 Anniv. hymn

 **Epistle:** Ephesians 4:22-28 716, 814, 748

 **Gospel:** Matthew 9:1-8 941

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

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

 **October 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 |
|  | 3:00 | **Guitar concert** (here, outside till 4:30) |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Tues:  | 7:30  | Board of Directors |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 1:00 | L.W.M.L. Society at the school building |
|  | 4:00  | 8th Confirmation Class |
| Fri-Wed: |   | **Pastor vacation** |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 11:30 | **Harvest Dinner** pick up till 2:00 |

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 (*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 (9-27-21) $ 0.00

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 (9-27-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 3,770.00  $146,700.00 $126,425.00  |

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 ***In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God***

 The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel Question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own Words. Jesus seeks to *“test”* them in the Saving Reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to *“fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His Ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul”* and to *“love the sojourner”* (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings Judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the Grace of God Given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the Day of His Return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, True God and True man. He is Love Incarnate who Fulfilled all the Demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be Saved from the Law’s Condemnation and Sanctified in the Gospel’s Forgiveness. Thereby we see that *“God is Faithful, by whom you were called into the Fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord”* (1 Cor. 1:9).

**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; family of Ann 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)

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

**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.

**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 today,** please return when full to the entryway 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.

**Spaghetti Dinner, Today Sunday, October 3,** 2021 from 3pm to 6pm at the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club, 6101 Huron city Rd, Port Hope. Curb side drive thru, Serving spaghetti w/meat sauce, toss salad with dressing, garlic bread, and a dessert. $10.00 each.

Flowers on the Altar are in honor of Becky Dodge’s birthday (& Adam’s Baptism Birthday) from the family.

**A Smile from Kathy**

