**17th Sunday after Trinity (“L.W.M.L. Sunday”) October 4, 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* #853** ~ “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

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

**Sermon:** “Entering into God’s Rest” *Luke 14:1-11*

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

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #782** ~“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 9-27-20: 8:00 | 62 |  39 |
| 9-27-20: 9:30 | 39 |  34 |
| 9-27-20: Total | 101 |  73 |
| 9-27-20: Sunday School  |  0 |   |
| 9-30-20: Bible Study |  8 |   |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke / Wyatt Hoody

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

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 34:8-22 781
O.T.: Deuteronomy 10:12-21 694
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:(1-3)4-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46 549

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

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

 Oct. **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.

 **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 on provided by the Dodges in honor of Becky’s birthday (& Adam’s Baptism Birthday) (both) on Oct. 1.

 **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 |
| Tues: | 7:30 | Board of Directors |
| Wed:  | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs:  | 7:30 | Church Council |
| 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)*:* **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor*):* **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 $ 94,955.00 Finance Board (9-28-20) $340.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 29,045.00**

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** |
| **Needed per count** **Received (9-28-20)** **Needed year to date** **Received year to date**  |  **$ 8,660.00** **$ 5,710.00**  **$ 55,960.00** **$ 43,925.00**  |

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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

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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**

Lisa Leese; Hugh Harwood; Ivan Adkins; Jeanette Piotter; Anne Schubring; Mary Forbing; the Family of Gloria Schmaltz

**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  | Helen Schultz  |
| Elaine Eggert | Charlie Koglin | Arlene Zelz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  |

**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)

**PROJECT POSSIBILITIES WITH ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**
Some of the most valuable work for Orphan Grain Train happens away from the Sebewaing Center—in the form of local projects by churches, schools, and organizations.  Projects may include the assembling of layette kits, hygiene kits, school kits, or flood buckets.  Other initiatives could be hosting an Undie Sunday or having a winter-wear gathering of mittens, sweaters, coats, boots, etc.   Recently a Thrivent Action Team in concert with Immanuel Lutheran School, Alpena assembled 547 Hygiene Kits.  The following day at the OGT Center women of the LWML prepared all those kits for shipment.  There are multiple support possibilities available to those who wish to share the love of Christ with those in need—matching Christian deeds with our Christian creeds.

**A Smile for You:**

There was a preacher who fell into the ocean and he couldn’t swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, “Do you need help, sir?” The preacher calmly said, “No; God will save me.”

A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, “Hey, do you need help?” The preacher replied again, “No God will save me.”

Eventually the preacher drowned & went to Heaven. The preacher asked God, “Why didn’t you save me?” God replied, “Fool, I sent you two boats!”

**In Memory of Lucille Setter, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Ron & Kathy Mausolf, Larry Finkel

**A monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Barnabas Fund:** Russell Piotter

**In Memory of Lucille Setter, Nathan Kaufman, Jeffery Powell a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Dave & Irene Schelke,
Ray & Sue Emerick

**In Memory of Nathan Kaufman, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings, Arnette Gahlou

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

**In Memory of Lucille Setter, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Barnabas Fund:** Ron & Kathy Mausolf, Larry Finkel, Ray & Sue Emerick