**19th Sunday after Trinity October 10, 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:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ~ ***LSB #686***

**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:** “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” ~ ***LSB* #708** **(memory)**

**Sermon**: “Jesus, the Great Physician” *Matthew 9:1-2*

**Offering Hymn: “**150th Anniversary Hymn” (See insert)

**Distribution Hymns:** “I Walk in Danger All the Way” ~ ***LSB* #716** “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” ~ ***LSB* #814**

(“I’m But a Stranger Here” ~ ***LSB* #748**)

**Closing Hymn:** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” ~ ***LSB* #941**

Postlude

**We welcome today** the **Rev. Stephen Starke**, *Emeritus*, Bay City. Rev. Starke recently retired as Pastor, St. John-Amelith, Bay City; and is the author and/or translator of 32 hymns and Liturgy parts in our *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal (including our closing hymn today **– *LSB* #941**, a hymn version of the *Te Deum laudamus*: “O God, we praise You,” which is normally sung in Matins. Rev. Starke has also written numerous hymns for special occasions, including our 150th Anniversary hymn, which will be sung during the Offering today).

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 10-03-21: 8:00 | 70 | 62 |
| 10-03-21: 9:30 | 44 | 35  |
| 10-03-21: Total |  114 |  97 |
| 10-06-21: Bible Study | 6 |  |

 **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): Greg Woodke / Larry Reinke

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

**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): Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody / Logan Iseler

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 27:1-9 699, 828
 **O.T.:** Isaiah 55:1-9 712

 **Epistle:** Ephesians 5:15-21 672, 784, 598

 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14 648
 or Matthew 21:33-44

 **October – Dec.** ***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.

 **Flowers on Altar** are placed by Elwin and Mary Lou Koth in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.

**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 |
|  | 11:30 | **Harvest Dinner** pick up till 2:00 |
| Fri-Wed: |   | **Pastor vacation** |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  |  | **Pastor Appreciation Day** |
|  | 10:45 | **Quarterly Voters’ Meeting**  |

Monday: **Office Closed**Tuesday (*Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday: **Office Closed**Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday (*Pastor)* **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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***Jesus’ Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing***

The LORD does not require us to ascend to Him; in Mercy He Descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The “ladder” in Jacob’s dream was not for climbing; it was the Means by which the LORD Came to Bless Jacob. This Event finds its Fulfillment in Christ who Descended from His Throne to Save and Bless us. By His Incarnation He is the eternal “Bridge” between Heaven and Earth. *“The Son of Man has Authority on Earth to Forgive sins”* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was Present in the flesh to Absolve the paralytic. Jesus also Healed and Restored this man’s body. *“For where there is Forgiveness of sins, there is also Life and Salvation”* (*Small Catechism*). The Lord still “has Power on Earth to Forgive sins.” In Holy Absolution He Raises up the New man (Eph. 4:22–28) and Bestows the Healing Medicine which will bring about our Resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *“This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!”* (Gen. 28:17)

**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; Erv Schave

**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 $ 12.00 TODAY TAKE OUT ONLY 11:30am-2:00p.m.**

 300 tickets (first come, first serve)

**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.**

**Ladies Aid Meeting, all Welcome,** Oct. 18th at 7:00, please come support our congregation.

The **choir will be singing on 10/31 for Reformation and Confirmation,** with a **practice on Tuesday**, 10/12, at 7pm in the church.

**Zion Lutheran School Apple Pie Fundraiser 2021.** Order in the St John School office on Oct. 12th and 14th from 9 to 12. Cost is $15.00. Pick up Oct. 24th in the afternoon.

**In Memory of Dallas Nichols, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Larry and Joyce Harwood, Darla Pankow

**In Memory of John Richardson Nichols, whom passed away 5 years ago on Oct. 12th a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin

**In Memory of Steve Schubring, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Randy & Renee Moran, Richard & Darlene Tyler, Corrinne Abraham, Sharon Fuhrman, Joanne Muter, Todd & Sandy Seibt, Dennis & Connie Wilkowski

**In Memory of Steve Schubring, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Mr. & Mrs. Ron Thoms, Donna Turcsak, Emerson & Irene Pilaske

**In Memory of Ann Schubring, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Randy, Renee, Cruz & Mya Moran, Richard & Darlene Tyler, Herb & Betty Leese, Corrinne Abraham, Sharon Fuhrman, Ron & Kathy Mausolf, Janet Schave, Gary & Bev Finkel, Joann Cove, Karen Iseler, Lyle & Kathy Schave, Joanne Muter, Todd & Sandy Seibt,

**In Memory of Ann Schubring, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Emerson & Irene Pilaske, Oren Emerick & Micky, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Thoms, Jane Deer, Ken & Doris Wisneski, Kim & Charlie Wood, Albert & Janice Bender, Dennis & Connie Wilkowski

**STEP IT UP FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**Recently, Orphan Grain Train—Michigan received 230 boxes (over 2,500 pairs serviceable of shoes) from Changing Footprints, an Indiana charity.  Such donations are wonderfully welcomed, but they are the exception.  It is the individual donations of gently-use clothing of all sorts which have enabled Orphan Grain Train—Michigan in the last two years to fill thousands of boxes for people in need around the world.  In the past two years Orphan Grain Train--Michigan has shipped to Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Moldova, and recently to the Republic of Georgia.  We thank those who have stepped up material contributions so very much needed.  Our supply of raw goods is processed nearly as quickly as it is received.  We are so thankful when anyone, of themselves or with gatherings from a church, arrives to keep this work continuing.  The Orphan Grain Train “wish list” can be found at [OGT.ORG](http://OGT.ORG) along with special project opportunities.

The **L.W.M.L. Zone Rally** scheduled for **Sat, Oct 16,** has been **cancelled** due to COVID-19.