**21th Sunday after Trinity October 24, 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:** “Thy Strong Word” ~ ***LSB* #578**

**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:** “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee” ~ ***LSB* #607**  **(memory)**

**Sermon**: “Images of God, Then & Now” *Genesis 1:1*  ̶  *2:3*

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

**Distribution Hymns:** “Jesus Shall Reign” ~ ***LSB* #832** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ~ ***LSB* #702**

(“How Great Thou Art” ~ ***LSB* #801**)

**Confirmand paper(s)**

**Closing Hymn:** “In the Shattered Bliss of Eden” ~ ***LSB* #572**

Postlude

**Flowers on Altar** are in honor of **Pastor Dodge’s Birthday** from his Family.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 10-17-21: 8:00 | 48 | 41 |
| 10-17-21: 9:30 | 64 | 48 |
| 10-17-21: Total | 112 | 89 |
| 10-20-21: Bible Study | 7 |  |

**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 Schave / Gary Eggert

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

**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): Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

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

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

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY – REFORMATION DAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**Psalm**:46 656, 555  
 **O.T.:** Revelation 14:6-7 864

**Epistle:** Romans 3:19-28 611, 865, 687

**Gospel:** John 8:31-36 813  
 or Matthew 11:12-19

**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.

**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 Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | 4:00 | 8th Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | **Choir practice** |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 213 |
| **Reformation Day** | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 **Confirmation** |

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 $137,735.00 Finance Board (10-11-21) $ 710.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 52,265.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2021** | |
| Needed per count  Received (10-11-21)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,150.00  $ 5,425.00  $154,850.00  $131,850.00 |

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***God Declares Us Righteous Unsheathing His Word Against All Evil***

*“‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”* (Gen. 1:1—2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word Accomplishes what it says. He Created all things out of nothing through His Son by the Power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s Creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might Restore fallen creation and Save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, *“Go; your son will live”* (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still Accomplishes what it says. In Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His Life–Giving Forgiveness to you, and it is so. This Saving Word of God is the “Sword of the Spirit” by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). *“Therefore take up the whole Armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”*

**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; Evan Dodge

**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!

**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, Nov. 15th** at 7:00, please come support our congregation.

**Calling All Crafters and Vendors:** Ladies Aid is looking for vendors and crafters for the Harvest Bazaar on November 13th.    In addition, to what the bazaar traditionally has to offer, we are looking to expand by bringing in vendors and crafters to offer even more.   
What kind of vendors and crafters are we looking for? Examples are: Crocheted Items, Wood Signs, Homemade Greeting Cards, Wreaths, Canned Goods, and Homemade Dip Packets.  Tables will be provided and the fee to participate is $10.    
To reserve a spot, volunteer, or for more information, call or text Shannon Popour @ 989-670-7780 or Kristen Weiss @ 989-551-7477.

**Choir practice** will be Wednesday, **October 27th at 7pm** in the church.

The **choir will be singing on 10/31 for Reformation and Confirmation.**

**Today** at 1:30pm **,** there will be one showing of the **Roe v. Wade** movie at the Bad Axe Theatre.  Doors open at 1:00pm.  Admission is $6.00.

**A Smile from Kathy**

