**Reformation Day (Confirmation) October 31, 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

*(Please stand and face the processional Crucifix.)*

**Processional Hymn of the Day (Reformation):
 *LSB* #656** ~ “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**ORDER OF SERVICE: 8am** “Divine Service, *Setting 5”* ***LSB* pp.213ff.
 9:30am** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***LSB* pp.203ff.**

 *Introit* (see first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

 **Choir** (9:30am): “O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near” (*LSB* #599)

 “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 (Reformation): *LSB* #555:1-5,10** ~ “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

**Sermon**: “Freedom Lived, Known, Found” *John 8:31-36*

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION (9:30am)**

***Choir*** *(9:30am): “ The Lord Bless you and Keep You”*

**Offering Hymn:** “Shepherd of Tender Youth*” ~* ***LSB #864***

**Distribution Hymns:** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (Hymn of Day: Trinity 22) ~
 ***LSB* #611(memory)** “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” ~ ***LSB* #865** “Thine Forever, God of Love” ~ ***LSB* #687**

*(Please face the recessional Crucifix until it reaches the back, then face the Altar.)* **Recessional Hymn:** “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” ~ ***LSB* #813**

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 10-24-21: 8:00 | 64 | 58 |
| 10-24-21: 9:30 | 47 | 44 |
| 10-24-21: Total | 111 |  102 |
| 10-27-21: Bible Study | 6 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss; **Trumpet**: Ryan Ramsey

**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

**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 / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY – All Saints’ Sunday**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**:149 677
 **O.T.:** Revelation 7(2-8)9-17 932

 **Epistle:** 1 John 3:1-3 714, 639, 517

 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12 678

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

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

 **November 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 213 |
| **Reformation Day** | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 **Confirmation**  |
|  |  | **Special Stewardship Offering** |
| Mon-Tues am |  | Pastor gone |
| Tues: | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class  |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
| Next Sun: |  | **Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151   |

Monday: **Office Closed**Tuesday (*Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Wednesday: **Office Closed**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 $137,760.00 Finance Board (10-25-21) $ 25.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 52,240.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (10-25-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 4,750.00  $163,000.00 $136,600.00  |

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 ***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace***

 *“Wisdom is justified by her deeds”* (Matt. 11:19), and the True Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the Incarnate Son, Justifies us by His Deeds. He Prepares His Way by the Preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily “handed [Himself] over to violent men,” that we might Eat and Drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the House forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a Friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has Rescued us by His Grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on Earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the Righteousness of God has been Manifested apart from the Law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that He might be Just and the Justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a Propitiation by His Blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the Truth, and the Truth will Set you Free”* (John 8:31–32).

**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)

Sally Brade, friend to Marv & Vicki Koglin

**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.

**Harvest Home Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 13th from 10am-2pm.** Donations of baked goods, canned goods, and crafted items will be accepted and are appreciated! You can drop items off on Friday, November 12th from 3pm-6pm, or on Saturday from 8am-9:30am. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon 989-670-7780.

**Harvest Home Bazaar** could use additional **white elephant items**. Please bring to the school during office hours.

**Flowers on Altar** are in honor of the Confirmands from their parents.

**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** Today we gather a special “Stewardship Month” offering to support the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (for the deaf) and Lutheran Heritage Foundation (provides translated Lutheran materials internationally); both are headquartered in Michigan. The offering basket will remain available for a few weeks.

**In Memory of Ann Schubring, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Gary Eggert, Joyce Koglin

**A Smile from Kathy**

 