**22nd Sunday after Trinity November 8, 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* #851**~ “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

**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* #611** ~ “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Unconditional Mercy” *Matthew 18:21-35*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #690** ~“Hope of the World”

Postlude

**We welcome today,** the Rev. Lee Wenskay, *Emeritus*, Pigeon. Rev. Wenskay is also serving St. John’s Port Sanilac, once a month to provide them the Sacrament.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-01-20: 8:00 | 64 | 62 |
| 11-01-20: 9:30 | 39 | 34 |
| 11-01-20: Total | 103 | 96 |
| 11-04-20: Bible Study | N/A |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel/ Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Woodke / Larry Reinke

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel/ Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Schave/ Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Jordan Schave

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 111 966   
O.T.: Proverbs 8:11-22 714  
Epistle: Philippians 3:17-21

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 850

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

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

Nov. **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

**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

**Flowers** have been placed **on the Altar by Joyce Koglin**.

**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 |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” here |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 9:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:30 | Sunday School |
|  |  | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |

**Office Hours:**Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (Pastor & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday: **OFFICE CLOSED**Thursday (Pastor & *Kathy*)*:* **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (Pastor & *Kathy* *):* **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 $ 95,205.00 Finance Board (10-26-20) $450.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 27,795.00**

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (10-26-20)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,660.00**  **$ 3,390.00**  **$ 73,280.00**  **$ 55,395.00** |

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

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***Walking humbly with our God and forgiving one another***

With what shall we come before the LORD (Micah 6:6) who Forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our Gracious God on High does not need our *“burnt offerings”* or *“thousands of rams”* (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who Gave His only-Begotten Son for our transgression. He Offers the Fruit of His Body, once hanging dead on a cross but now Living and Giving Life in His Holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He Releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His Grace, we yearn for one another *“with the affection of Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 1:8). As Forgiven sinners, *“Filled with the Fruit of Christ’s Righteousness,”* our *“love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment”* (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He Leads us *“to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God”* (Micah 6:8).

**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**

Hugh Harwood; Jeanette Piotter; Gary Schave; Lisa Leese

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Howard/Della Finkel | Willard/Ramona Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Yvonne Fuhrman | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Hugh Harwood | 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)

Kevin Kreh (nephew of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

Darleen Ferensic (former Secretary at the Port Hope village hall)

Rebecca Schubel (Sally Arndt’s mother)

Ron Watts (son-in-law of LeRoy & Alice Schave)

Gordon Summers

All those affected by COVID-19.

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**The Ladies Aid** is having a **meeting on Tuesday, November 17th @ 7:00pm** to discuss the Ladies Aid Christmas Party, Shut-In fruit baskets, and any other ideas you may have.  Hope to see all you ladies there!!

**L.W.M.L.:** Please place your L.W.N.L. mites into the big L.W.M.L. mite Box in the entryway.

**In Loving Memory of, Alvin Reinke, a monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Herb & Betty Leese  
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**A Smile for You:** One bright, beautiful Sunday morning, everyone in tiny Gettysburg wakes up early and goes to their local church. Before the service starts, the townspeople sit in their pews and talk about their lives and their families.

Suddenly, at the Altar, Satan appears!! Everyone starts screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in their determined efforts to get away from evil incarnate. Soon, everyone is evacuated from the church except for one man, who sits calmly in his pew, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God’s ultimate enemy is in his presence. This confuses Satan a bit. Satan walks up to the man and says, “Hey, don’t you know who I am?” The man says, “Yep, sure do.”

Satan says, “Well, aren’t you afraid of me?” The man says, “Nope, sure ain’t.”

Satan, disturbed, says, “And why aren’t you afraid of me?” The man says, “Well, I’ve been married to your sister for 25 years.”