**23rd Sunday after Trinity November 15, 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* #966**~ “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

**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* #714** ~ “Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “A Set*back* for a Set*up*” *Matthew 22:15-22*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #850** ~“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-08-20: 8:00 | 56 | 47 |
| 11-08-20: 9:30 | 33 | 29 |
| 11-08-20: Total | 89 | 76 |
| 11-11-20: Bible Study | 8 |  |

**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): Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

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

**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) Galen Young / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 126 514   
O.T.: Isaiah 51:9-16 516  
Epistle: Colossians 1:9-14

Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26 515

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

**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 |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Trustees |
|  | 7:00 | Elders |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Fri: | 11:00 | Pastor @ E.L.M.S. Bd. Of Directors in Bay City |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 151 |
|  |  | **Holy Baptisms** |

**Office Hours:**Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (Pastor*)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**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 $ 95,315.00 Finance Board (11-09-20) $110.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 28,685.00

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| Needed per count  Received (11-09-20)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,660.00  $ 11,340.00  $ 81,940.00  $ 66,735.00 |

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

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***Render to God the things of God***

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, walked *“in the Way of Righteousness, in the Paths of Justice”* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *“is better than jewels”* and *“better than gold, even fine gold*” (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *“end is destruction”* (Phlp.3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *“to God the things that are God’s”* (Matt. 22:21), namely, Perfect Fear, Love, and Trust, as well as the complete Sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also “rendered to Caesar the things” of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the Cross. The True *“Riches and Honor are with [Him],”* because *“enduring Wealth and Righteousness”* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our Heavenly citizenship from which *“we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* He *“will Transform our lowly body to be like His Glorious Body, by the Power that Enables Him even to subject all things to Himself”* (Phlp. 3:20-21).

**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; members affected by COVID-19

**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

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

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.M.L. mites into the big L.W.M.L. mite Box in the entryway.

**In Memory of Mary Armstead Forbing, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Clifford Hartz, Linda Smith

**In Memory of Mary Forbing, Shirley May and Lucille Setter a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings

**In Memory of Joyce M Koglin a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce E. Koglin, Harold & Carolyn Collings

**In Memory of Lucille Setter a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Barnabas Fund:** Shawn & Carol Young

**Flowers on the Altar are given in honor of Sharon Fuhrman’s 81st birthday** today (11/15) by her family. If you have a memory to share with the family, please send cards or letters to:   
Sharon in c/o Corinne Abraham 3710 Parisville Rd. Port Hope, MI 48468.

Thank-you to Suellen Emerick for providing breakfast and lunch for the Circuits pastors at the “Winkel” we hosted on Nov.10.

St John L.W.M.L. would like to thank everyone who donated to our Mite collection. Mites are used to fund state and National mission projects voted on the L.W.M.L. members. L.W.M.L. would like to invite any LCMS - -Lutheran women to join any of our meetings or functions. Our next local meeting will occur, Wed., January 6, 2021 @ 1pm at the SJL school building.  
 Sincerely, Corinne Abraham, St. John LWML President 989-476-5997

**-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------A Smile for You:** Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running around with other women,” she charged.

“You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You’re the only woman on Earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest.

It was Eve. “What do you think you’re doing?” Adam demanded.

“Counting your ribs,” said Eve.