**24th/ Last Sun. after Trinity (“Christ the King”) November 22, 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

**Baptism Hymn (9:30): *LSB* #593** ~ “See this Wonder in the Making” **Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:30)**

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #514**~ “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call 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* #516** ~ “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” **(memory)**

**Sermon:** “Ready, Set, Go!” *Matthew 22:15-22*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #515** ~“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-15-20: 8:00 |  30 |  26 |
| 11-15-20: 9:30 |  44 |  37 |
| 11-15-20: Total |  74 |  63 |
| 11-18-20: Bible Study |  7 |   |

**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): Galen Young / Gary Eggert

**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) Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Wyatt Hoody

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 24 359
O.T.: Jeremiah 23:5-8 332
Epistle: Romans 13:(8-10)11-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9 798

 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

 **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

 The **Church Christmas Tree decorating** will be on Saturday, Nov 28th at 9am, all are welcomed that would like to join in the decorating.

 **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 |
|  |  | **Holy Baptisms**  |
| Mon:  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
|   | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs:**Thanksgiving** | 9:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

**Office Hours:**Monday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30pm**Thursday: OFFICE CLOSEDFriday: OFFICE CLOSEDPlease 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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 ***By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ’s Return***

 *“The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”* (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The Arrival of the Bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. *“For you know neither the Day nor the Hour”* when the Son of Man is to Return (Matt. 25:1–13). The Lamps are the Word of Christ. The Oil in the Lamps is the Holy Spirit, who Works through the Word to Create and Sustain the Flame of Faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the Working of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, preaching, and the Supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these Gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of Oil. The Flame of Faith endures to the End. By God’s Grace they are received into the eternal “Wedding Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom,” the “New heavens and the New Earth” Created by the Lord for the Joy of His people

 (Is. 65:17–25).

**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**

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

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

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**Baptism:** We rejoice with Mike and Kim Brown as God added Braylynn May Brown to His Kingdom on Saturday, Nov. 21; and with Justin and Brittany Schmaltz as God adds Christopher David Schmaltz, Taylor Lee Golombiski, & Emily Irene Golombiski to His Kingdom on Sunday, Nov. 22.
 “Write the name we now have given; Write it in the Book of Heaven.”

**In Memory of Mary Forbig, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Teresa Muter

**Updating our computer membership data:** Along with updating missing information in our computer membership application, I can also record any funeral song requests you would like. Here is an example – “Funeral Songs: What A Friend We Have In Jesus. I Know That My Redeemer Lives.” If you would like to have any hymns on record please send an email to the church or provide a list in writing, if you know the hymn number please include that as well. Thank-you, Kathy Schave.
**-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------A Smile for You:** One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, “Acts 2:38: ‘Repent & be Baptized & your sins will be Forgiven.'”

The robber quickly gave up and the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, “Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?” The robber said, “She said she had an axe and two 38’s!”