**1st Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022**

 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’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “The Advent of Our King ~ ***LSB* #331**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 1”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

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

 “Growing as One” (see blue insert)

 Readings (see back of white insert)

 Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day:** “Savior of the Nations, Come ~ ***LSB* #332 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “Mountain View” *Isaia. 2:1-5*

**Distribution Hymns:** “This is the Day the Lord Has Made” ~ ***LSB* #903**

 “Hark the Glad Sound” ~ ***LSB* #349**

“Prepare the Royal Highway” ~ ***LSB* #343**

**Closing Hymn:** “Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors” ~ ***LSB* #339**

Postlude

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 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-20: 8:00  | 50 | 43 |
| 11-20: 10:00  | 25 | 21 |
| 11-20: Total | 75 | 64 |
| 11-20: S.S./B.C. |  3/5 |  |
| 11-23: Bible Study | 7 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Dan Blacker, Larry Finkel, Ricky Finkel / Fred Hasen, Harold Collings

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Galen Young / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Wyatt Hoody / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Marv Woodke, Larry Johnson, Jeff Kowaleski / Greg Woodke, Ty Woodke

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Wyatt Hoody / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 72:1-7 347

 **O.T.:** Isaiah 11:1-10 344

 **Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13 411, 638, 508

 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12 336

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

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

 **December newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder, in writing or via email: Newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the prior month and **Bulletin announcements** by Wednesday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent Service |
|  | 7:00 | Advent Service |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday*:* (*Pastor & Becky*): **9am – 12pm**Friday*:* (*Pastor & Becky*): **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 $153,355.00 Finance Board (10-24-22) $ 75.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 36,645.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (10-24-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $13,200.00 $174,700.00 $150,340.00  |

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

***The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now***

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem *“humble, and mounted on a donkey,”* riding on *“a beast of burden”* (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”* (Matt. 21:9). For we are called *“to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,”* His Holy Church, *“that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths”* (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we *“walk in the light of the Lord”* (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which *“does no wrong to a neighbor”* (Rom. 13:10). We *“cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,”* for *“salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”* (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, *“for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming”* (Matt. 24:42).

**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**

Family of Millie Robb (sister of Terri Reinke)

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |   |
| Charlie Koglin  | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeannie Woodke(Huron Co. Medical) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |

**FRIENDS**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Sally Brade (friend of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Ruth Clark (mother of Don Clark)

Kurt Reinke (son of Romona Reinke)

Ainsley Hamilton (4 month old niece of Brooke Maurer & Ryan VerEllen)

**In Loving Memory of Millie Robb, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Terri Reinke & Arlene

**In Loving Memory of Florence Brown a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Erwin Schave

**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** Our October, stewardship month free will “Special Stewardship Offering” is still being collected through Thanksgiving. Envelopes for this were included in the October Newsletter. This year’s special offering will be sent to the **Student Aid Fund of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church of, Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Road (M-46) in Saginaw, will host its 26th annual “Living Nativity – A Journey to Bethlehem,**” in December, on Fri the 2nd, 7-9pm, Sat. the 3rd, 6-8pm; and Sun. the 4th, 6-8pm. Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that Blessèd night when Jesus Christ was Born. This is a free 30 minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school.

**Ladies Aid** will be doing **Fruit Baskets** on December 17th @ 9am.  We are in need of volunteers to either help assemble the baskets and to deliver.  Please contact Denee @ (989)428-3034 if you are able to help.  Thank you!

**Community Choir members** past, present, and those who would like to sing with us at the Community Christmas Sing. Practice will begin on Monday, Nov. 21, 28th and Dec. 30th at the **OLLH Church** beginning at 7:30. Rehearsal will only be an hour each night. Come and enjoy musie and help us sing at the Christmas Sing on Dec. 11th.