**1st Sunday of Advent (*Ad Te Levavi* [*Anima Meam*]) November 28, 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.

Today – the **“1st Sunday of Advent”** – is referred to as **“*Ad Te Levavi* (*Anima Meam*),”** from **Psalm 25:1**-4, “To You, O LORD, I *lift up* my soul. …” “*Levavi*” and “*Anima*” are the Latin words from which we get the English words “levitate,” “elevate,” “animate;” *i.e.*, to “lift up.” Parts of Psalm 25 (4-5,21-22; antiphon 1-3a) serve as **today’s “*Introit*.”**

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #903** ~ “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, *Setting 3*, ***LSB* pp.184ff.** *Introit* (see first white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

 “Growing as One” (see purple insert)

 Readings (see back of first 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**: “Light in the Darkness” *Romans 13:8-14*

**Offering Hymn:** “Prepare the Royal Highway”~ ***LSB* #343**

**Distribution Hymns:** “The Advent of Our King” ~ ***LSB* #331** “Hark the Glad Sound” ~ ***LSB* #349**  (**“**Once He Came In Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #333)**

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

Postlude

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Church painting started November 19th. The current estimated completion date for Painting is the week after Thanksgiving. Until painting is completed services will be in the school building gymnasium.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-21-21: 8:00 | 48 | N/A |
| 11-21-21: 9:30 | 30 | N/A |
| 11-21-21: Total | 78 |  N/A |
| 11-24-21: Bible Study |  2 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Pianist**: Kristen Weiss

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

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

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

**Altar Guild:** Carol Woodke

**NEXT SUNDAY
Pianist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Galen Young/ Greg Schave

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 50:1-15 649

 **O.T.:** Malachi 4:1-6 336

 **Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13 341,772,334

 **Gospel:** Luke 21:25-36 672

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

 The **November *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.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class  |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
|  | noon | Advent service |
|  | 6pm | Advent service |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

Monday: (*Pastor*) **9am – 1pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 12pm**  (Kathy) 1pm – 4pmWednesday: (*Pastor*) **9am – 1pm**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 $137,850.00 Finance Board (11-22-21) $ .00

Amount Still Needed: $ 52,150.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (11-22-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 5,700.00  $179,300.00 $147,860.00  |

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 Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699
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 ***The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us***

 The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble Coming of our Lord. “*Behold, your King is Coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was Born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a “beast of burden.” For He Bears the sin of the world. He is the “Son of David” riding to His enthronement on the Cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still Comes in great humility to Deliver His Righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s Body and Blood, we also sing, “*Blessèd is He who Comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!*” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His Return in Glory, for “*our Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Rom. 13:11).

**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**

Ron Mausolf; Vicki Koglin; Carol Noble

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Sharon Fuhrman  | Elmer/Ruth Leese  | Wally Schave |
| Yvonne Fuhrman  | Carol and Jack Noble (MeadowLane) | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |

**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

Daryl Sengstock

Rev. Steve Bagnall, Good Shepherd, Cass City

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

**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.**

**"Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs?**  The Community Christmas Hymn **Sing will be at Zion, in Harbor Beach; on Sunday, December 12, at 2pm.**

**Zion’s School Christmas Program** is on **Sunday, Dec. 5th** with Preschool -Grade 2 at 3:00 p.m. and Grade 3-Grade 8 at 4:30 p.m.  There will be refreshments in between and after the entire program.

