**1st Sunday of Advent (*Ad Te Levavi* [*Anima Meam*]) November 29, 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.

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*.”**

**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* #359**~ “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

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

“Growing as One” (see violet insert)

Readings (see back of white insert)

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

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

**Sermon:** “The Days Are Here” *Matthew 21:1-9*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #798** ~“The God of Abraham Praise”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-22-20: 8:00 | 54 | 51 |
| 11-22-20: 9:30 | 58 | 47 |
| 11-22-20: Total | 102 | 98 |
| 11-22-20: 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): Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

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

**Altar Guild**: Carol Woodke

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Marvin Woodke, Larry Johnson, Jeff Kowaleski/ Greg Woodke, Ty Woodke, Robert Schulte

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

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 50:1-15 873   
O.T.: Malachi 4:1-6 336   
Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 411

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

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

Dec. **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

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

|  |  |  |
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| Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 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 |
|  | 9:00 | 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: (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 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 $ 95,335.00 Finance Board (11-23-20) $20.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 28,665.00

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

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| --- | --- |
| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** | |
| Needed per count  Received (11-23-20)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,660.00  $ 3,740.00  $ 90,600.00  $ 70,475.00 |

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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**

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)

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.

Jan Schultz

Rev. Gene & Sharon Kessel, Linda Goss (Sandy Landenberg’s parents & sister)

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**In Memory of Gloria Schmaltz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Yvonne Fuhrman

Looking for Volunteers to participate in the **Dec 24th Christmas Program** at 7pm.   
Sign- up sheets are in the entryway.

**-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------A Smile for You:** A woman and her dog are walking on a road, when the women realizes they are dead. They come to an arch that glows in the sunlight. She walks up to the arch and speaks to a man at a desk. She says, “Is this Heaven?;” and he responds “Yes.” She asks for some water for her dog, and the man responds that pets are not allowed in Heaven.   
 The woman then leaves and walks farther down the road. After a while the woman spots a gate and asks the man for some water for her dog. “What do you call this place?” the woman asked. “This is Heaven’” he answered. “That is confusing,” said the women, and she told him about the arch that was glowing that claimed to be Heaven. “No,” he answered, “ that is hell.” But she asked, “Doesn’t that make you mad that they say that is Heaven? “ “No,” he answered, “we are just happy that they screen out the folks that would leave their best friends behind.”