**1st Sunday of Advent (*Ad Te Levari* [*Anima Meam*]) December 1, 2019**

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 A.E.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* #331** ~ “The Advent of Our King ”

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

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

“Growing as One” (see purple insert)

Readings (see back of violet 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:** “How Shall I Greet You” Matthew 23:1-9

**DEDICATION OF CHALICE PALL & VEILS** (8:00 only)

**Distribution Hymns:**

***LSB #*334***~* “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

***LSB* #350** ~ “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

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

(***LSB* #352** ~ “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #341** ~ “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Postlude

**New Chalice palls and veils** are given in memory of art Jahn by his family.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 11-24-19: 8:00 | 68 | 64 |
| 11-24-19: 10:30 | 76 | 69 |
| 11-24-19: Total | 144 | 133 |
| 11-24-19: SS/Bible Class | 0/ 7 |  |
| 11-27-19: Bible Study | N/A |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Marvin Woodke, Larry Johnson, Jeff Kowaleski / Greg Woodke, Ty Woodke, Robert Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Greg Woodke / Les Weis

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Tanton Babcock/ Jordis Pitts

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/10:30): Marvin Woodke, Larry Johnson, Jeff Kowaleski / Greg Woodke, Ty Woodke, Robert Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/10:30): Greg Schave / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Jordan Schave/ Tori Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 50:1-15 348 O.T.: Malachi 4:1-6 336

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13 508; 349; 355; 353

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 515

**Advent purple poinsettias** on the Altar are provided by the Dodges.

Oct. – Dec. ***Portals of Prayer*** are available on the entryway magazine table.

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

Due to lack of interest the last orders for **SCRIP cards** will be December 2nd and December 16th. If you ever need gift cards please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will happily place an order for you at any time.

Thank you, Melody 989-550-1440.

**Barnabas Fund:**  This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating toward this endeavor.

**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.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
|  | 10:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 7:00 | Ladies Aid Christmas Party |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent service |
|  | 5:30 | Soup/sandwich supper |
|  | 7:00 | Advent service |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 9:15 | Sunday School & Bible Class (Epistle) |
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**Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday & Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm** Please call ahead to make sure that someone is in.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

**Total Needed: $124,000.00**

**Received so far $ 74,980.00 Finance Board (10-14-19) $ 4,440.00**

**Amount Still Needed: $ 44,580.00**

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

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| **2019-2020 Fiscal Year** | |
| **Needed per count**  **Received (11-25-19)**  **Needed year to date**  **Received year to date** | **$ 8,060.00**  **$ 5,500.00**  **$ 80,600.00**  **$71,845.00** |

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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, “*Blessed 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**

Charlie Koglin; Beverly Hartz; Bob Witherspoon; the family of Amy Reinke; Ann Schubring

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman | Willard Reinke |
| Arnold Brown | Patricia Griffore | Jeffrey Schave |
| Wade Cohoon (Colorado) | Beverly Hartz | Gloria Schmalz |
| Nelson Erbisch | Nathan Kaufman | Helen Schultz |
| Howard/Della Finkel | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Arlene Zelz |
| Mary Forbing |  |  |

**FRIENDS**

Roman Jock (toddler cousin of Harold Collings)

Brendan Durkee (16 yr. old grandson of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Riley Durkee (8 yr. old granddaughter of Merle & Patsy Eggert)

Carol Wessels (friend of Joyce)

Ruby Maschke (Meadow Lane Assisted Living)

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

Jean Eggert (sister-in-law of Gary and Elain Eggert)

Staff Sergeant Ricky Holtz (recently deployed to South America), wife Kayla, and two sons (grandson-in-law of Emerson & Irene Pilaske)

Brian Will (son of Edwyn & Phillis Will)

**Choir:** The choir plans to sing on **December 24th** at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

**AMVETS and Auxiliary Christmas party** on December 14, 2019. At AMVETS post 115 in Port Hope. $20.00 per person, for dinner and dance, refreshments will be furnished No Dinner Tickets at door Have to know how many coming by December 9, 2019 for dinner Tickets. Just for the dance the price is $15.00 for a single and $20.00 for a couple after 7:00 p m. The Natural Tones will be playing from 7:30 p m till 11:30 p m, 50/50, silent auction and door prizes. Francis Schulte 810- 358-8519

**Church Christmas Program** sign up is taking place now and we are looking for all ages to participate.  No one is too young or too old!  Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin table.  The Program will take place on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm.  Practices will be held on Sundays at the church on the following dates at 9:15 am:  December 8, 15, and 22nd.  If you have any questions, please call Albert at (989) 553-4484 or Sally at (989) 553-4386.

**St. John Ladies Aid** invites all ladies to come out for an evening of laughs tomorrow, December 2nd at 7PM to the **Annual Christmas party**. Wondering what this is all about? All you need to do is bring at least one $5 gift (or you can bring as many as you want). An Auctioneer (Pastor or a gent from our congregation) randomly grabs a gift off the table and the ladies bid on it. Ladies Aid will match the amount raised and proceeds are donated to charity. Last year we donated to our Barnabas Fund, Huron County Safe Place and the Harbor Beach/Port Hope Food Pantry. Sometime things get a little competitive, but it is all in fun. So why not joint the fun while helping to raise funds for wonderful causes. Oh, and bring a dozen cookies. We will eat some and save the rest to be put in the Christmas fruit baskets for our members age 80 and over and our shut-ins.

**Zion Lutheran Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk**, in Harbor Beach Saturday Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Available will be Gift Baskets, Homemade Crafts, White Elephant Sale, Baked Goods (including Famous Zion Homemade Springerle) and Lunch.

**Quilting** at the school will NOT be held on Dec 25th through the Jan 15th.

**Grandparents Pray!** A time of prayer, devotion and fellowship with the focus on our grandchildren on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10:00 at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you are a grandparent, great aunt or uncle, please prayerfully consider joining us for an hour of prayer, devotion, and sharing.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for pick up in the entryway. Please sign up on the numbered clip-board sheet on the bulletin table and take the corresponding numbered envelope box.

**Thank-you** everyone that helped with the **grass cutting** this year it was greatly appreciated.

**Soup and Sandwich Suppers** will be served each Wednesday during Advent from 5:30 PM until 6:45. Suppers will be hosted by families from St. John who have students attending Zion’s day school. December 4 soups will be chili and chicken noodle, December 11 soups will be chicken pot pie and beef noodle and on December 18 bean soup and turkey rice will be served.