**2nd Sunday of Advent December 4, 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:** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” ~ ***LSB* #347**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***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:** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ~ ***LSB* #344 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “The Kingdom of Peace Is Here & Now” *Isaiah 11:1-10*

**Distribution Hymns:** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ~ ***LSB* #411**

 “Eat This Bread” ~ ***LSB* #638** (**Refrain: All;** sts: soloist)

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” ~ ***LSB* #508**

**Closing Hymn:** “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” ~ ***LSB* #336**

Postlude

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**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** The total amount collected for the October Special Stewardship Month offering was $735.00. This will be sent to the Student Aid Fund at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 11-24: Thanksgiving  | 47 | 45 |
| 11-27: 8:00  | 50 | 46 |
| 11-27: 10:00 | 39 | 29 |
| 11-27: Total | 89 | 75 |
| 11-27: S.S./B.C. |  2/5 |  |
| 11-30: Bible Study | 8 |  |
| 11-30: 12:00 | 24 |  |
| 11-30: 7:00 | 14 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss **Cantor:** Lori Kowaleski

**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

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

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Jett Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 146 349

 **O.T.:** Isaiah 35:1-10 345

 **Epistle:** James 5:7-11 342, 350, 643

 **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-15 515

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

 The **December *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.

**THANK YOU** to those who helped decorate the church for this Holy Season.

**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 | Ladies Aid Christmas Party |
| 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 & Becky*): **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 $153,455.00 Finance Board (11-28-22) $ 100.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 36,545.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (11-28-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $6,160.00 $182,935.00 $156,500.00  |

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***By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord*** *“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’”* (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the Forgiveness of sins prepared people for the Coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically Complete with the Incarnate Advent of Jesus, but his vital Ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has Come in the flesh, *“a Shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots”* (Is. 11:1), and continues to Bear the Fruits of Righteousness. His Good Tree of the Cross is *“a Signal for the peoples”* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *“With the Rod of His Mouth, and with the Breath of his Lips”* (Is. 11:4), He Slays the wicked and Brings the dead to Life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *“Root of Jesse”* Comes to us, *“even He who Arises to Rule the Gentiles”* (Rom. 15:12), that *“we might have Hope”* and be Filled *“with all Joy and Peace in believing”* (Rom. 15:4, 13).

**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**

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**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)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

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

**In Memory of William Collings, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings

**In Memory of Ruth Clark, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Trustee Fund:** Rich & Darlene Tyler, Nancy Schelke

**In Memory of Ruth Clark, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings

**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 be held on Monday, Nov. 21st, 28th and Dec. 5th at the **OLLH Church** beginning at 7:30. Rehearsal will only be an hour each night. Come and enjoy music and help us sing at the Christmas Sing on Dec. 11th.

**St. John Ladies Aid** invites all ladies to come out for an evening of laughs on **Monday, December 5th**, at 7PM to the **Annual Christmas party**. Bring at least one $5 wrapped gift (or you can bring as many as you want). One of our auctioneers (Pastor or Harold) 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. In 2021 a total of $1,728 was donated to our Barnabas Fund, Huron County Safe Place, and the Harbor Beach/Port Hope Food Pantry. Join in the fun and help to raise money 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.

**A Smile from Becky**:

