**2nd Sunday of Advent (*Populus Zion)*  December 05, 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 **“2nd Sunday of Advent”** – is referred to as **“*Populus Zion*,”** from **Isaiah 62:11b**, “Say to the *daughter of Zion*, ‘Behold, your Salvation comes; behold, His Reward is with Him, and His Recompense before Him.’” “*Populus Zion*” is Latin for “*people*/daughter of Zion.” Isaiah 62:11b serves as the first part of **today’s “*Introit*”** antiphon.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #649** ~ “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**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:** “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”~ ***LSB* #336 (memory)

Sermon**: “Hope for the Gentiles” *Romans 15:4-13*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ~ ***LSB* #341** “In Holy Conversation” ~ ***LSB* #772**  (**“**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” ~ ***LSB* #334)**

**Closing Hymn:** “Jerusalem the Golden” ~ ***LSB* #672**

Postlude

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Painting Update from Vicki: They are painting...somewhat backwards...starting on walls first. Waiting to get scaffolding repaired to work for ceiling and they may need to remove a few pews. They have all of the paint needed.

***2022*** **Offering envelopes** are now available in the hall.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-25-21: Thanksgiving | 49 | 46 |
| 11-28-21: 8:00 | 45 | 42 |
| 11-28-21: 9:30 | 45 | 39 |
| 11-28-21: Total | 90 |  81 |
| 12-01-21: Bible Study |  6 |  |
| 12-01-21: Advent noon | 19 |  |
| 12-01-21: Advent 6pm |  9 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Pianist**: Kristen Weiss

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

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

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

**Altar Guild:** Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY
Pianist**: Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30): Greg Schave/ Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Wyatt Hoody/ Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 85 602

 **O.T.:** Isaiah 40:1-8(9-11) 345

 **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 811,347,818

 **Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-10(11) 917

 **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 the hall for pickup.

 **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 – 4pm**Wednesday: (*Pastor*) **10:30am – 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 Comes on the Last Day***

The Day on which our Lord Returns will be a “*Great and Awesome Day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will “Come in a Cloud with Great Power and Glory.” To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of Judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The Signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the Name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: *“. . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your Redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is Coming; “the Sun of Righteousness will bring Healing in His Wings.” Let us, then, give attention to the Words of the Lord, which “do not pass away.” Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be Strengthened in our Hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ Coming. Then, by God’s Grace, we shall “escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.”

**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; Phyllis Will

**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)
Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Sally Brade, friend to Marv & Vicki Koglin

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Family of the Rev. Albert Bahr (former Pastor here)

**2022 Flower Chart** will be 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 **Today** 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.



**PORT HOPE Christmas Sing-a-Long and a visit from Santa** today from 3:30 to 5. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Harbor Beach & Port Hope Food Bank. All activities are on Main St. and Portland. Free hot dogs, cookies and Hot Cocoa to enjoy. Christmas tree maze, Craft s etc.
Activities and food start at 3:30 – with Santa at 5:00.

Congregational **Christmas Program** will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm. Looking for all ages of speakers, no one is too young or too old! No memorization required! If interested text Albert at 989-553-4484 or Sally at 989-553-4386.

A Smile from Kathy:

 