**2nd Sunday of Advent (*Populus Zion)*  December 6, 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 **“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.

**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* #873**~ “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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

**Sermon:** “Are You Happy with the Son-Rise That God’s Provided?” *Malachi 4:1-6*

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

Postlude

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**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

**2021 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 11-28-20 Thanksgiving | 54 | 50 |
| 11-29-20: 8:00 | 55 | 50 |
| 11-29-20: 9:30 | 37 | 35 |
| 11-29-20: Total | 92 | 85 |
| 12-2-20: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 12-2-20: noon/6pm | 13/19 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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

**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 Schave / Gary Eggert

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jordan Schave / Hunter Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 85 347   
O.T.: Isaiah 40:1-8(9-11) 345   
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-10(11) 343

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.

**In celebration for “St. Nicholas”** (“Santa Claus”), candy canes are available in the entryway. (Thank-you Teresa Muter!) The giving of candy canes is a traditional custom for this Day, dating back to the 4th - Century.

**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 |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Port Sanilac |
| 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 : **Office Closed**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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***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**

Jeanette Piotter; Gary Schave; Lisa Leese; Charlie Koglin

**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)

Katie Sanford (grand-daughter of Denny & Connie Wilkowski

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 Arlene (Weiss) Brown** who went home to be with the Lord 10 years ago Dec. 8, 2010. A monetary gift has been given to the St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund by the family.

**FISH FRY,** Sunday, Dec 6th, 4pm to 7pm, at the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club: Take out only – drive thru, no phone orders. Scalloped potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, bread and homemade desserts. $10.00 each

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 preacher who did not like alcohol was completing a temperance sermon: With great expression he said, “If I had all the beer in the world, I’d take it and throw it into the river.” With even greater emphasis he said, “And if I had all the wine in the world, I’d take it and throw it into the river.” And then finally, he said, “And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I’d take it and throw it into the river.”

He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, “For our closing song, let us sing hymn #365: ‘Shall We Gather at the River’.”