**2nd Sunday of Advent (*Populus Zion)* December 8, 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 **“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 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* #348**~ “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

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

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

**Anniversary Hymn** (see yellow insert)

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

**Sermon:** “He will Return” Luke 21:25-36

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* #733** ~ “Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Distribution Hymns:**

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

***LSB* #349** ~ “Hark the Glad Sound”

***LSB* #355** ~“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

(***LSB* #353** ~ “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”)

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #515** ~ “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 11-28-19 (Thanksgiving) | 60 | 58 |
| 12-01-19: 8:00 | 40 | 38 |
| 12-01-19: 10:30 | 30 | 26 |
| 12-01-19: Total | 70 | 64 |
| 12-01-19: SS/Bible Class | 0/ 7 |  |
| 12-04-19: Bible Study | 12 |  |
| 12-04-19: noon (Advent) | 26 |  |
| 12-04-19: 7:00 (Advent) | 29 |  |
| 12-04-19: Total (Advent) | 55 |  |

**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 Schave / Gary Eggert

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

**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): Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/10:30): Olivia Woodke / Carson O’Brien

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 85 338 O.T.: Isaiah 40:1-8 345

Epistle: Corinthians 4:1-5 349; 849; 346; 354

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-10 511

**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.

**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 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Fairgrove |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent service |
|  | 5:30 | Soup/sandwich supper |
|  | 7:00 | Advent service |
| Fri - Sun |  | Pastor Vacation |
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**Office Hours:** Monday & Wednesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday & Thursday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm; 1-2pm**Friday (*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 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**

Charlie Koglin; Bob Witherspoon; Isabel Mix; Yvonne Fuhrman; 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: Will be Practicing on Tuesday, the 10th, at 7pm.**

**Choir:** The choir will 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 Doors open at 5:30, with dinner at 6. 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. For questions call, 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.

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

**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 11 soups will be chicken pot pie and beef noodle and on December 18 bean soup and turkey rice will be served.

**The Ladies Aid** will be putting together **fruit baskets** **and delivering** them on Saturday, December 14th at 9:00am at the school.  Lots of volunteers are needed to assemble the baskets and make deliveries.  If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Shannon Popour @ 989-670-7780 or Wendy Schulte @ 989-670-5413.  Your help is greatly appreciated by the Ladies Aid and especially by those you will be receiving the baskets.  Thanks!!

What are you doing on Jan. 24, 2020? I hope you’re making plans to join your church at the **47th Annual National March for Life in Washington, D.C.** I’ll be there leading what I hope will be the largest contingent of Lutherans ever to march together in this life-affirming event. At 11 a.m. EST, we’ll start gathering at the corner of 12th Street and Madison Drive to hand out hats, signs and hymn sheets. Then we’ll join other marchers from around the world to walk up Constitution Avenue to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. If you’re able to come early, please join us the day before, on Jan. 23, for a 7 p.m. rally at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel. The pre-march Divine Service will once again be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 24. A continental breakfast will follow.

Due to lack of interest the last order for **SCRIP cards** will be 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.

**A Memorial for Art Jahn, monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Kathleen and Ron Mausolf.

**A Monetary Gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Daniel O’Connell of California.

**Memorials for Amy Reinke, monetary gifts have been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** from Kathleen and Ron Mausolf, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Young, Clifford Hartz, Donna Wolschlager, Herbert & Betty Leese, Marvin & Carol Woodke, Karen Iseler, Joann Cove, Jim & Carol Hunter, Ervin Schave, Ronald and Laura Clancy, Judith and Thomas Albrecht, Kim and Charles Wood, Marcella Keel, Joanne Hartwick, Henry and Jeanette Zeil, Jean Weiss, Nelson and Gail Young, Kathleen Young, Patricia Tinsey Iseler, Robert Brown, Jeffery and Brenda Heilig, James and Lorraine Enders, Richard and Marcella Tatrow, Huron County Medical Care Facility, Donald Reinke and Family, Leonard and Donna Horetski Family, Larry, Lina and Zachary Reinke, Len & Sharyon McKendry.