**3rd Sunday of Advent December 11, 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:** “Hark the Glad Sound” ~ ***LSB* #349**

**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:** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” ~ ***LSB* #345 (memory)**

**Sermon:** “Vengeance & Joy” *Isaiah 35:1-10*

**Distribution Hymns:** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” ~ ***LSB* #342**

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #643**

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

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

|  |  |  |
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| 12-4: 8:00  | 51 | 44 |
| 12-4: 10:00 | 35 | 32 |
| 12-4: Total | 86 | 76 |
| 12-4: S.S./B.C. |  4/3 |  |
| 12-7: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 12-7: 12:00 | 23 |  |
| 12-7: 7:00 | 18 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**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

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

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):**

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 24 349

 **O.T.:** Isaiah 7:10-17 345

 **Epistle:** Romans 1:1-7 342, 350, 643

 **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-25 515

**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.

**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 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Sebewaing |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent Service |
|  | 7:00 | Advent Service |
| Sat: | 9:00 | Ladies Aid Prepare Christmas Baskets |
| 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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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

**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**

**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)

David Sias (7-year-old grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

**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 Christmas Sing:** Today at **OLLH Catholic Church**, Harbor Beach, 2-4:30 pm.

**Fish Fry**: Grindstone Sportsmans Club, Friday, December 16, 3:30–7:00pm.

A Smile from Becky:

