**3rd Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete)* December 12, 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 **“3rd Sunday of Advent”** – is referred to as **“*Gaudete*,”** from **Philippians 4:4-5**, “*Rejoice* in the Lord always; again I will say, *Rejoice*. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand, …” “*Gaudete*” is Latin for “*Rejoice*,” hence the rose Advent wreath candle. Philippians 4:4-5 serves as **today’s “*Introit*”** antiphon.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #602** ~ “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

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

Sermon**: “The Voices of Ministry” *1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

**Distribution Hymns:** “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” ~ ***LSB* #811** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” ~ ***LSB* #347**  (“In Thee Is Gladness” ~ ***LSB* #818)**

**Closing Hymn:** “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” ~ ***LSB* #917**

Postlude

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Painting Update: The Sanctuary is finished; and the entryway will be completed this week. It’ll take a couple of days for the painters to get all of their stuff out and for us to put everything back where it belongs. We should be worshiping back in the church for Sun., Dec. 19.

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

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-05-21: 8:00 | 48 | 47 |
| 12-05-21: 9:30 | 41 | 37 |
| 12-05-21: Total | 89 |  84 |
| 12-08-21: Bible Study |  7 |  |
| 12-08-21: Advent noon | 25 |  |
| 12-08-21: Advent 6pm |  10 |  |

 **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):** Greg Schave/ Larry Reinke

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

**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 Woodke/ Les Weiss

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Olivia Woodke/ Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 111 754, 357

 **O.T.:** Deuteronomy 18:15-19 344

 **Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-7 346, 348, 338

 **Gospel:** John 1:19-28 803
 or Luke 1:39-56

 **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 (9:00am) 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 w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
| Mon: | 5:30 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class  |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board  |
| Tues:  | 10:00 | “Winkel” at Fairgrove |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
|  | noon | Advent Matins service, p.219 |
|  | 6pm | Advent Vespers service, p.229 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |

Monday: (*Pastor*) **9am – 1pm**Tuesday (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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 ***John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord***

 “The voice of the [Baptizer cried] out in the wilderness: ‘*Prepare the way of the Lord . .’* ” (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s Coming through repentance, for “*all flesh is grass*” (Isa. 40:6). Now he asks from prison, “*Are you the One who is to Come . . .?*” (Matt. 11:2). Jesus’ Works bear Witness that He Is: The sick are made well; the dead are Raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.” “Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s Hand double Forgiveness for all their sins.” The “*stewards of the Mysteries of God*” (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ’s overflowing Forgiveness to the poor in spirit, “Comforting” God’s people with the Word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces “rejoicing” among all those who believe.

**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; Audrey Zinger; Patsy Eggert

**SHUT-INS**

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| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor, B.A.)  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Charlie Koglin  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Sharon Fuhrman  | Elmer/Ruth Leese  | Wally Schave |
| Yvonne Fuhrman  | Jack/Carol Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |

**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 of Marv & Vicki Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Bonnie Keiser (Susan Reinke’s daughter)

**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 at **989-225-7060.**

The **Community Christmas Hymn** **Sing** will be at **Zion, Harbor Beach; TODAY**, at **2:00pm.**

The 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 call or text **Albert Bender at 989-553-4484** or **Sally Arndt at 989-553-4386**.

Ray Emerick would like to **thank** everyone that helped to keep the church grounds mowed.

A Smile from Kathy:

 