**3rd Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete)* December 13, 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 **“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.

**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* #347**~ “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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

**Sermon:** “A Voice of Comfort” *Isaiah 40:1-11*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #343** ~“Prepare the Royal HIghway”

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

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-06-20: 8:00 | 47 | 43 |
| 12-06-20: 9:30 | 45 | 38 |
| 12-06-20: Total | 92 | 81 |
| 12-09-20: Bible Study | 8 |   |
| 12-09-20: noon/6pm | 17/25 |  |

**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 Schave / Gary Eggert

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

**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) Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** (8/9:30): Jentry Zimmerman / Jordan Schave

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 111 353
O.T.: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 357
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7 344

Gospel: John 1:19-28 or 814
 Luke 1:39-56

 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.

 **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.

 **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 |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent service |
|  | 6pm | Advent service |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Next Sun:  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday : (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30pm; 1-2pm**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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 ***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**

Jeanette Piotter (Lakeview E.C.); Gary Schave; Charlie Koglin;
the family of Wade Cohoon; those with COVID-19

**SHUT-INS**

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| Ivan/Betty Adkins | Yvonne Fuhrman  | Jeffrey Schave |
| Arnold Brown | Hugh Harwood(Courtney Manor)  | Helen Schultz(Courtney Manor)  |
| Elaine Eggert(Lakeview E.C.) | Charlie Koglin(Courtney Manor)  | Arlene Zelz(Lakeview E.C.) |
| Nelson Erbisch | Elmer/Ruth Leese  |  |
| Howard/Della Finkel  (Courtney Manor)  | Willard/Ramona Reinke |  |

In the Christmas spirit please send cards to our shut-ins. With Covid-19 it’s even more important to show that we care, since those in nursing facilities aren’t allowed visitors. Thank-you!

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| Lakeview Extended Care210 S 1st StreetHarbor Beach MI 48441 | Courtney Manor 1167 E Hopson StBad Axe, MI 48413 |

**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)

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)
Rev. Larry & Geri Lorree (St. Peter’s, Kinde)

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The **Christmas Program** practice will take **place next Sunday, Dec 20 at 10:30am** in the church.

**In Memory of Janice Vogel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Elmer & Ruth Leese, Susan Reinke

**Soup and Salad Dinner, Saturday, December 19th 3pm to 6pm** at the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman Club, 1601 Huron city Road, Port Hope. Dinner includes: choice of 2 soups, salad, fresh baked bread and homemade dessert. Take out with curb side Pick-up only. Soup choices are elk chili, cowboy potato, cheesy broccoli & ham, vegetable beef, split pear & ham, chicken noodle and bean. $8.00 each.

**January Long Range Planning** will take place on January 5th due to the Holidays.