**4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 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

**Baptism Hymn (10 am):** “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” ~ ***LSB* #592**

**Opening Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #338**

**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:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ~ ***LSB* #357** (with “O” Antiphon)

**(memory)**

**Sermon:** “This Present Sign” *Isaiah 7:10-17*

**Distribution Hymns:** “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” ~ ***LSB* #348**

“Once He Came in Blessing” ~ ***LSB* #333**

“Wide Open Stand the Gates” ~ ***LSB* #639**

**Closing Hymn:** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” ~ ***LSB* #341**

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 12-11: 8:00 | 50 | 48 |
| 12-11: 10:00 | 39 | 28 |
| 12-11: Total | 89 | 76 |
| 12-11: S.S./B.C. | 3/3 |  |
| 12-14: Bible Study | 9 |  |
| 12-14: 12:00 | 24 |  |
| 12-14: 7:00 | 16 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Galen Young / Larry Reinke

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jentry Zimmerman / Logan Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Tom Grills / Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

**Acolyte** **(****8/10):** Wyatt Hoody / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (CHRISTMAS)**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

**8am** **10am** **8am** **10am**

**Psalm**: 98 2 384, 375 384, 382

**O.T.:** Isaiah 62:10-12 Isaiah 52:7-10 391, 365 391, 365

**Epistle:** Titus 3:4-7 Hebrews 1:1-6(7-12) 361, 370, 373 361, 370, 373

**Gospel:** Luke 2(1-14)15-20 John 1:1-14(15-18) 387 387

**January - March *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 |
|  | pm | Christmas Program Practice |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th Confirmation Class |
| Tues: | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent Service |
|  | 7:00 | Advent Service |
| Sat: | 7:00 | Christmas Eve Program |
|  | 11:00 | Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 203 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Christmas Dawn Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 10:00 | Christmas Day 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 $154,955.00 Finance Board (12-12-22) $ 1,500.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 35,045.00

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| --- | --- |
| **January - December 31, 2022** | |
| Needed per count  Received (12-12-22)  Needed year to date  Received year to date | $ 8,235.00  $ 7,260.00  $191,170.00  $163,760.00 |

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**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**

Family of Jim & Peggy Bailey; Family of John Schuble (father of Sally Arndt); Elmer & Ruth Leese

**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.) | Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |
| Charlie Koglin | Sandy Struble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Arlene Zelz  (Lakeview E.C., H.B.) |
| Elmer/Ruth Leese | Gary Schave (Meadow Lane, B.A.) |  |

**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)

**In Memory of Jeff Farmer, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Marv & Vicki Koglin

**In Memory of Rosalin Witherspoon, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Harold & Carolyn Collings, Joyce Koglin, Elwin & Mary Koth

**In Loving Memory of my husband Marvin H. Koglin, who passed away 5 years ago December 20, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin

**In Memory of Ruth Clark, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Don & Carol Clark, Apryl Clark, Alan & Judy McTaggart, Larry & Leah Braun, Marlene Pfaff

**THANK YOU**: Many thanks to all those who were involved in any way with keeping the church and school grounds looking so neat and well kept this past year. Whether you mowed, trimmed, swept the lawns, or cleaned up the leaves, your efforts are greatly appreciated. – Ray Emerick

