**4th Sunday of Advent (*Rorate Coeli)* December 19, 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 **“4th Sunday of Advent”** – is referred to as **“*Rorate Coeli*,”** from **Isaiah 45:8**, “Shower/*drop down*, O *heavens*, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the Earth open, that Salvation and Righteousness may bear fruit; let the Earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have Created it.” “*Rorate Coeli*” is Latin for “Let *drop heaven*.” Isaiah 45:8a serves as **today’s “*Introit*”** antiphon.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: *LSB* #754** ~ “Entrust Your Days and Burdens”

**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:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”~ ***LSB* #357** [w/“O” Antiphon] **(memory)**

 **Sermon**: “A Life of Faith” *Philippians 4:4-7*

**Offering Hymn:** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”~ ***LSB* #344**

**Distribution Hymns:** “When All the World Was Cursed” ~ ***LSB* #346** “The King Shall come When Morning Dawns” ~ ***LSB* #348**  (“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” ~ ***LSB* #338**)

**Closing Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ~ ***LSB* #803**

Postlude

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

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-12-21: 8:00 (no power) | n/a | n/a |
| 12-12-21: 9:30 (no power) |  n/a | n/a |
| 12-12-21: Total | n/a |  n/a |
| 12-15-21: Bible Study |  6 |  |
| 12-15-21: Advent noon | 23 |  |
| 12-15-21: Advent 6pm |  9 |  |

 **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 Woodke/ Les Weiss

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

**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/ Olivia Woodke

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY (St. Stephen)**

 **READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**:119:137-144 389

 **O.T.:** 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 661
**Epistle:** Acts 6:8 ̶ 7:2a,51-60 624, 362, 517

 **Gospel:** Matthew 23:34-39 386

 **Jan. – 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 the entryway 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  |
| Tues:  | 7:00 | Trustees |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study  |
|  | noon | Advent Matins service, p.219 |
|  | 6pm | Advent Vespers service, p.229 |
| Fri: |  | **The Nativity of our Lord Christmas Eve/Midnight** |
|  | 7pm | Christmas Program |
|  | 11pm | Candlelight Service w/Communion |
| Sat:  |  | **The Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Dawn/Day** |
|  | 9:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |
| **Install. Officers** | 9:30 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p.184 |

Monday: (*Pastor*) **9am – 1pm**Tuesday: (*Pastor*) **9am – 1pm** (Kathy) **1pm – 4pm**Wednesday: (*Pastor*) **10:30am – 1pm**Thursday: (*Pastor & Kathy* ): **9am – 12pm**  Friday: (*Pastor & Kathy* ): **Office Closed**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 $138,025.00 Finance Board (12-13-21) $ 175.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 51,975.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2021** |
| Needed per count Received (12-13-21) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,150.00 $ 9,200.00  $187,450.00 $157,060.00  |

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 Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
 ***John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah***

 The Coming of God in all His unveiled Power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The Thundering Voice of the LORD puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15–19). God, therefore, Raised up a Prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God Came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from Heaven; the Earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (*Introit*) through the “blessed” virgin Mary, the “mother of the Lord” (Luke 1:39–56). The “Fruit of her womb” is the very “Lamb of God who Takes away the sin of the world,” the One “whose sandal strap [John the Baptist] was not worthy to loose” (John 1:19–28). In Jesus we are Delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the “Peace of God which Surpasses all understanding” (Phil. 4:4–7).

**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; Jack & Carol Noble; Phyllis Will; Audrey Zinger; Willard & Ramona Reinke

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

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.

**Thank you** to **Ladies Aid for purchasing new wreaths** for the church windows.



**In Memory of Our Parents, Lee & Arline Brown; brother, Oren Brown and sister, Beverly Brown, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** by the family.

**In Memory of Our Mother, Arline Brown a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** by the family.

**In Memory of Rev. Albert Bahr, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Joyce Koglin, Karen Iseler

**In Memory of Rev. Albert Bahr, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Ev. Lutheran General Fund:** Sue & Dan Buchinger, Yvonne Fuhman

A Smile from Kathy:

 