**4th Sunday of Advent (*Rorate Coeli)* December 20, 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 **“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.

**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* #353**~ “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

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

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

**Sermon:** “The Prophet Like Moses” *Deuteronomy 18:15-19*

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #814** ~“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Postlude

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-13-20: 8:00 | 45 | 40 |
| 12-13-20: 9:30 | 51 | 44 |
| 12-13-20: Total | 96 | 84 |
| 12-16-20: Bible Study | 8 |   |
| 12-16-20: noon/6pm | 14/24 |  |

**STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Jenna Arndt

**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

**NEXT SUNDAY
Organist**: Jenna Arndt

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Marvin Woodke, Larry Johnson, Jeff Kowaleski/
Greg Woodke, Ty Woodke, Robert Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

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

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 11 389
O.T.: Revelation 1:1-6 523
Epistle: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2 517:1,8,3

Gospel: John 21:20-25 386

 Jan. – March ***Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway.

 The December ***Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) are available on the entryway table.

 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.

**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

 **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 |
|  | 10:30 | Christmas Program practice |
| Mon:  | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
|  | noon | Advent service |
|  | 6pm | Advent service |
| Thurs:  |  |  |
| **Christmas Eve** | 7:00 | Christmas Program |
|   | 11:00 | Candlelight  |
|  |  | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
| Fri:  |  |  |
| **Christmas Day** | 9:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
| Next Sun:  | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  | 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 & Friday: *OFFICE CLOSED*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 $ 95,530.00 Finance Board (12-14-20) $195.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 28,470.00

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

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| **6 Month Budget July-December 31, 2020** |
| Needed per count Received (12-14-20) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,660.00 $ 12,565.00  $ 99,260.00 $ 83,040.00  |

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 ***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**

Jeanette Piotter (Lakeview E.C.); Gary Schave; Charlie Koglin; the family of Helen Schultz; Howard Finkel; those with COVID-19.

**SHUT-INS**

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

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)

Ron Watts (son-in-law of LeRoy & Alice Schave)

Gordon Summers

Kathi Jahn (sister of Vicki Koglin)

All those affected by COVID-19.

Jan Schultz

Rev. Larry & Geri Lorree (St. Peter’s, Kinde)
Frank & Irma Gaffke’s infant grandson

Charles Finkel (Gary’s brother)

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN REACHES PANAMA**
Orphan Grain Train—Michigan is delighted to announce the ten-ton shipment of humanitarian goods from Michigan has arrived at its Panama destination.  In late October volunteers at the Orphan Grain Train Center at Sebewaing loaded a 40-foot shipping container with 1,400 boxes of relief supplies, clothing and quilts, over twenty wheelchairs, four hospital beds, medical equipment and more.  This past week the goods arrived with the Gospel message for people living in distressed circumstances.  The supplies are currently being distributed by Casa de Refugio (House of Refuge) in Puerto Caimito, La Chorrera, Panama.  This was all made possible through caring people who support with donated goods and funding the international humanitarian aim of Orphan Grain Train, your Christian volunteer network sharing personal and material resourcesdomestically and around the world in Christ’s Name.  Orphan Grain Train is a Recognized Service Organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

**A monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Trustee Fund:** David & Irene Schelke

**In Memory of Shirley May, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Jim & Carol Hunter

**In Memory of Gloria Schmaltz, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Gerald & Marylou Schick

**In Loving Memory of my Husband, Marvin H. Koglin, whom passed away three years ago on Dec. 19th, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund**: Joyce Koglin

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

**THANK YOU!!:** The total collected in the “Special Stewardship Offering” was $737! This money will be given to P.O.B.L.O.(People of the Book Lutheran Outreach [to Muslims]).