**St. John, *Apostle & Evangelist* December 27, 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.

**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 of the Day (Christmas 1):   
 *LSB* #389**~ “Let All Together Praise Our God” **(memory)**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 3”* ***LSB* pp.184ff.**

*Introit* (see white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

“Growing as One” (see white insert)

Readings (see back of white insert).

Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day (St. John): *LSB* #523** ~ “O Word of God Incarnate”

**Sermon:** “Light & Life to all He Brings” 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

**Offering Hymn: *LSB* 517:1,8,3** ~“By All Your Saints in Warfare”

**Closing Hymn: *LSB* #386** ~“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Postlude

We welcome as our substitute pastor today the **Rev. Larry Wright**, Midland. Rev. Wright serves in the development and recruitment offices at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-20-20: 8:00 | 47 | 42 |
| 12-20-20: 9:30 | 41 | 32 |
| 12-20-20: Total | 88 | 74 |
| 12-23-20: Bible Study | 7 |  |
| 12-23-20: noon/6pm | 19/19 |  |

**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): Joe Landenberg / Les Weiss

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

**Altar Guild**: Vicki Koglin

**NEXT SUNDAY   
Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers** (8/9:30): Galen Young, Kevin Arndt/ Don Clark, Dylan Burton, Randy Schulte

**Elder(s)** (8/9:30) Greg Woodke / Gary Eggert

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

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave, Irene Pilaske

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm: 77:11-20 728   
O.T.: Genesis 46:1-7 385   
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12 - 19

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 918

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

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

Jan. **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 |
| Mon: | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Wed: |  | NO BIBLE STUDY |
| Thurs: |  |  |
| **New Year’s Eve** | 4:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 184 |
|  |  | **“Comm. of the Faithful Departed”** |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School |
|  | 9:30 | Divine Service with Holy Communion Page 203 |

**Office Hours:**Monday: (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday : (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Wednesday : (*Pastor*): **9am – 11:30am**Thursday: (*Pastor* & *Kathy)*: **9am – 11:30am; 1-2pm**Friday: (Pastor & *Kathy* *):* **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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Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699  
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***St. John, Apostle and Evangelist***

St. John the Evangelist put Christmas in one Verse: *“The Word became flesh and Dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). Not martyred but still a Witness, John was exiled to Patmos and died an old man, according to tradition. He bore Witness *“to the Word of God and to the Testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw”* (Rev. 1:2). Above all, he was an eyewitness of Christ who proclaims to us what he saw and heardconcerning the *“Word of Life”* that was *“Made Manifest”* (1 John 1:1–3). *“And we know that his Testimony is True”* (John 21:24). The Readings today include John’s Testimony of Christ’s Atoning Death and His third Resurrection Appearance (John 21:14). On the third day of Christmas, we find joy and gladness with John and all the Apostles that *“we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous,”* who is *“the Propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world”* (1 John 2:1–2)*.*

**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.); 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 Care 210 S 1st Street  Harbor Beach MI 48441 | Courtney Manor  1167 E Hopson St  Bad 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

**In Memory of Charles Finkel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Church Stained Glass Window Fund:** Gary & Beverly Finkle; Beth Pawlowski

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