

He has covered me
with the
ROBE
of
RIGHTEOUSNESS.
ISAIAH 61:10, ESV

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

January 02/ 03, 2021

WELCOME!

This Sunday's lessons are found in *Isaiah 62:1-3*, *Ephesians 1:3-14*, and *Luke 2:40-52*. Pastor Kurt's message is titled "**The Silent Treatment**," and it's based on *Isaiah 62:1-3*. You can find a recording of the service on our website at www.stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the Lord's Supper believing that this sacred meal is Christ's gift to His Church. Paul encourages us to examine ourselves before we "eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). We request that those who wish to commune here answer yes to the following questions:

- **As a baptized child of God, do you believe that you are a sinner and in need of forgiveness from God?**
- **Do you believe that forgiveness is found only in Christ, and is offered by Christ in the Lord's Supper?**
- **Do you believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?**
- **Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and by your participation in the sacrament, give testimony to the faith we share?**
- **Do you desire by the power of the Holy Spirit according to God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him?**

If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder. Non-communing adults and children may come forward to receive a blessing by folding their hands across their chest or you are welcome to remain seated as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

For those with health concerns: Gluten-free wafers are available and a wine alternative is located in the center of the tray of individual cups of wine.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

"Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness, that we may live in Your fear until with all Your saints we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord."



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

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For the Safety of Our Worshipers

For the safety of our worshipers, we ask that you please review the following:

Make yourself aware of all available exits. Exits can be accessed via all doors of our sanctuary (front and back).

In the event of a tornado or tornado warning, please move to our church basement which can be accessed via the stairs in the back of the church near the glass doors, or the stairs which can be accessed via either exit in the front of our sanctuary. For those who have difficulty with stairs, please proceed to one of the school bathrooms, the bathroom located in the back of the church, or allow others to assist you to the basement.

In the event of a fire, please use the nearest exit to vacate the building. Exits can be accessed via the doors in the front or the back of our sanctuary. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

In the event that someone seeks to inflict physical harm, take cover. When you feel you are able to safely vacate the building, immediately do so using the nearest exit and proceed to a safe location. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

For emergency medical needs, **an AED (defibrillator) and emergency phone are located in the lobby by the parking lot entranceway.**

While we pray that we never have to enact any of these plans, our hope is that this will allow you to be prepared. We also encourage you to let our elders or pastor know if you feel there is a potential threat at any time.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Strength & Healing: **Connie Spink** (COVID-19), **Ken Klages**, **Clara's son** (health issues), **Jerene Turcotte** (will undergo surgery Jan. 7), **Roxana Taylor**, **Bill Gierke**, **nursing home residents**, **Adam Shake**, **Bill**, **Jack & Connie** (dialysis), **Chris & David** (health issues), **Bill** (salvation), **Rickie & Betty** (cancer), **Ivan** (COVID-19), **Daniel & Marva Spitters' daughter**, **Angela** (recovering from surgery), the unemployed (for strength and employment), and **Paula Cate's sister-in-law**, **Dana** (receiving palliative care).

Prayers for Peace & Comfort: **Roy Hatfield's family** as Roy's mom, Betty, passed away; the **family of Rev. John Panning**, who passed away.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: The **Ryke & Holmberg Family** – Prayer of Thanksgiving for Krystle, Sean, & Evie Ryke, along with Penny & John Holmberg (Krystle's parents) for God covering them in Holy Baptism on Dec. 31.

FOR PASTORAL NEEDS

If you would like our Pastor or an Elder to call you and/or pray with you, please contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@stjohnsgandhaven.com.

GIVING

Tithes & Offerings from last weekend **\$19,858** (General Fund) **\$1,070** (Other)

\$20,996.00 is needed weekly for our ministry

We encourage our members to consider giving their tithes and gifts through the online opportunities offered on our website at www.stjohnsgandhaven.com/about-us/mobile-donations-and-tithing. Members can also contribute their gifts via mail **or you can now drop off your offering in the special lock box hanging near the entrance to our church and school** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. ~ checks preferred (if cash is given please strive to drop off between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Please remember that we rely on these gifts for all the ongoing ministries of St. John's – both now and for the future.

WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS



Update on Internet and Telephone Equipment & Parsonage Siding Repair:

With the advent of virtual learning in our school and Zoom meetings for boards, issues have caused interruptions in phone and internet services for our students and staff. Tech services were called in and recommendations were made to remedy the problems. The total cost of these fixes will run about \$10,000 in total. The Endowment funds agreed to backstop the cost with the congregation offering their help if they are able. To date more than \$1,100 has been received to help with the updates; but more would be a blessing. If you can help, mark your offering "Phone & Internet Updates" and either bring them to church or mail them to the church office.

Also, siding on the parsonage is in need of immediate attention. Pieces are beginning to fall off, and paint has been peeling and fading. Let's see, is it 60+ years since it was first installed? It doesn't last forever. The warranty is way past due, and it's time to get it replaced. Estimates are around \$22,000. To date, more than \$10,000 has been received. Once again the Endowment Fund will back stop the funds needed after the congregation shares their blessings. If you can help, mark your gift "parsonage repair" and either mail it to the church or bring it to worship services when you can.

Thanks for sharing your blessings with St. John's during these challenging times!

Harry Schmidt, Congregation
President/Endowment Fund Director

Bible Study Resume in January: Adult, Sunday School and Jr./Sr. Bible Study will resume on Jan. 10.

Home Bible Study Opportunities:

We're looking for a few families to "host" a short-term Bible study from your homes! Similar to a Zoom format, you can invite other families to join your study from their own homes. This is FREE, and we'll help you register with RightNow Media (whom St. John's already partners with), which has thousands of Bible studies available! Topics include youth, marriage, parenting, books of the Bible, Christian living, etc.

If you have any questions, you can contact Craig Kaschube by emailing ckaschube@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

Voters' Meeting on Jan.31: A Voters' Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, in the gymnasium. The meeting will be held to vote on various board positions.

Attendance: From last week...

Christmas Eve: 246; Christmas Day: 36;
Sat.: 5:00 – 16, Sun.: 8:15 – 46, 10:30 – 65;
Christmas Eve Facebook Views: 333,
Weekend YouTube Views: 72 **Total: 814**



Lutherans for Life Quote: “As this New Year begins and you make resolutions of things to do for yourself, consider ways in which you could spend one hour a week helping someone in need—at a crisis pregnancy center, a hospice house, a nursing home, etc.” Rev. Scott Licht, National Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org.

Altar Flowers: Provided by **Karen Lange** in memory of her mom.

Do We Have Your Current Information?: Did you cancel that land line phone? Get a new email address? Please let us know about any changes by calling the church office at (616) 842-4510 or by sending an email to office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

Sanctuary De-decorating: Sanctuary de-decorating will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 9, and your help is needed. After a wonderful and blessed Christmas season it is time to de-decorate the Church.

ANNIVERSARIES

SIBLEY, Ted & Tammy (43) 01/07

BIRTHDAYS

MACKELLAR, Amy	01/04	SHOEMAKER, Oliver	01/05	BENDER, Samuel	01/09
RIPKA, Mike	01/04	CANAVAN, Bob	01/08	FETT, Joan	01/09
LEPPIEN, Lindi	01/05	PASMAN, Catherine	01/08		
SHAKE, Carol	01/05	UTHE, Scott	01/08		

Life March Scholarship: Tri-Cities Right for Life is giving away a \$250 scholarship to a West Michigan youth group or family planning to attend the March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 29. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship should visit TG@TriCitiesRightToLife.org.

Youth Representatives: Now more than ever, we all want to be seen, heard, valued and appreciated. Youth and Young Adults: we exist to serve you and your needs. Help us help you by sharing your thoughts, opinions, and input at our board meetings! Our next meeting is 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 2021 on Zoom, but you only need to spend 20-30 minutes of your time. For more information, you can email Board President Amanda Chapman, amandalchapman@gmail.com or you can email Craig Kaschube, ckaschube@stjohnsgrandhaven.com.

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? We probably don't have it in our records. Contact the church office at (616) 842-4510 or office@stjohnsgrandhaven.com to let us know.