

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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December 31, 2022

NYE/Eve of the Name of Jesus

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Hymn of the Day: 896 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

Distribution Hymn: 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

Distribution Hymn: 549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Closing Hymn: 899 "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home); **family of Bill Burger; Edith Lange** (recovery)

Acolyte tonight - Liam Voelker

Acolyte Sunday, Jan. 1st - Greyson Ohlde

Ushers tonight - *Aaron Stuenkel, Ryan Stuenkel, Daniel Nabors, &

Noah Thalmann

Ushers Jan. 1st - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Aiden Sweet, & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 1st - No Adult Bible Class

LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 8th & 15th - Sophia & Ethan Bott

Upcoming Events

- December 31** 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve/Eve of the Name of Jesus
(Installation of Officers)
- January 1** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. **NO** Adult Bible Class or Children's Sunday School
- January 2** 7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting
- January 4** 5:30 p.m. **NO** Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Announcements

- * There will be no children's Sunday School classes New Years Day. Sunday School will resume on January 8. Teacher sign-up sheets are now hanging on the Sunday School bulletin board. Parents of Sunday School children, please check your calendars and sign up by December 25th. Thank you!
- * **STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2023...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Luke. You can listen at thewordendures.org or your favorite podcast provider.
- * The St. John Men's Club will have a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 2nd. We will have a Bible study and a short business meeting to discuss the upcoming soup supper, which is on January 15th. On the list for refreshments are Gary Voelker and Ron Ohlde. All men of the congregation are invited to join us for the evening of men's Christian fellowship.
- * The family of Lorna Heitman requests a card shower for her 95th birthday on Jan. 5th, 2023. Her address is: Lorna Heitman, c/o LCNH, 612 3rd St., Linn, KS 66953.
- * Mark your calendar: Quarterly Voters Mtg on **Jan. 8th** after New Member Potluck.
- * Christmas Break for Linn Lutheran School runs until Wed., Jan. 4, when classes resume. Merry Christmas & God's Blessings from all of us at Linn Lutheran School as we begin a new year!
- * **Calling all parents (past, present, and future)** - St. John will host a parenting Bible class led by Pastor Hayes. The class will run on the six Wednesdays leading up to Ash Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (January 11th - February 25th). Open to all. Materials included. Topics will include: What does Biblical wisdom teach us about parenting? How can we instill in our children a love for God and his ways? What about discipline and nurture, friendship and extended family? Come build one another up in Christ and share our mutual burdens: **Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2).**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- ☐ I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- ☐ I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- ☐ I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- ☐ I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- ☐ I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- ☐ I forgive those who have wronged me.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit *(Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: 40:16)*

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
“Great | is the Lord!”

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given
me an | open ear.***

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*

your law is with- | in my heart.”

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
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Collect for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at
theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.

Old Testament Reading: *Numbers 6:22-27*

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Gradual (*Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*)

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 3:23-29*

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Alleluia Verse (*Matthew 1:21*)

Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:21*

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Circuit-7 Epiphany Service & Soup Supper

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Linn, KS

When: On Epiphany! Friday, January 6th, 2023

Time: Supper @ 6pm. Worship @ 7pm

Cost: No Cost for the meal.



All offerings collected at this service will go to support the Zion Lutheran Church—Concordia, KS Outreach church plant.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE CREED

*as the Head of the Family Should Teach
Them in a Simple Way to His Household.*

The Third Article:

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

This evening during the Divine Service, the newly elected officers of this congregation will be installed into their respective offices:

Chairman: Steve Meier

Vice-Chairman: Daryl Bott

Board of Elders: Ned Peters & Brett Tiemeyer

Board of Trustees: Evan Meier & John Bott

Board of Education: Rachel Ohlde

Evangelism Chairman: Dan Thalmann

Financial Secretary: Darren Bott

Please keep these newly elected and continuing stewards in your prayers.

The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make His face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His
countenance upon you
and give you peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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New Year's Eve

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