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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 Werner, 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 Four (pg. 203)

Opening Hymn: 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

Hymn of the Day: TLH 493 "Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend"
(printed on the back of the bulletin)

Distribution Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Distribution Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Distribution Hymn: 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Distribution Hymn: 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Closing Hymn: 643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

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

**Angie Reinert, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home);
Annette Bott (cancer)**

Acolyte today - Briette Bott

Acolyte Feb. 15 - Emmerich Hornkohl

Ushers today - *Noah Thalmann, Cash Stunkel, Greyson Ohlde, & Samuel Bott

Ushers Feb. 15 - *Ethan Bott, Cade Hiltgen, Dylan Ohlde, & Emitt Tiemeyer

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today & Feb. 15 - Noah Thalmann & Lucious Petesch

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Feb. 22 & Mar. 1 - Sam & Ben Werner

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8	8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (new members welcome!) 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School
Feb. 11	5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting
Feb. 15	9:00 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (new members welcome!) 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
Feb. 16	6:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Board Meating
Feb. 18	5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Announcements

● **Linn Lutheran School News:**

- **Sun., Feb. 8** - 1st-8th grade Linn Lutheran students will sing at Zion. Please have your children to Zion basement at 9:15am to warm-up. Children will sing and then join parents for the church service.
- **Wed., Feb. 11** - Chapel with Pastor Werner at 8:30am at Zion. Everyone is welcome!!
- **Sun., Feb. 15** - PTL SKATING PARTY!!! at Rolla-Rena Skate Center (1133 S. 6th St. Beatrice, NE); \$6.00 per skater 5:30-7:30pm; concession stand available to purchase items. All are welcome to join Linn Lutheran School for this annual night of fun!!!
- **Monday, Feb. 16** - NO SCHOOL
- **Thursday, Feb. 26** - 11:30am dismissal-no lunch served
- **Friday, Feb. 27** - NO SCHOOL - Just Linn Lutheran; Linn Public in session

- **Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment for 2026-27** - Preschool enrollment for Linn Lutheran will open on Friday, Feb. 13 at 8am for St. John & Zion members & returning students. Incoming students must be 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2026. Parents may call the school at 785-348-5792 or come to the school office that morning. No early enrollment accepted. Enrollment will open to the public starting on March 23, 2026. Questions, please contact Preschool teacher- Laura Stunkel or call the school office. Friday, Feb. 13 Enrollment Open for: 1. Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students; 2. Association member church families (St. John & Zion); 3. Current Linn Lutheran Families; The aforementioned list (#1-3) have priority until March 23, 2026. After that date, enrollment is open to the entire community and is based on first come, first serve basis. 4. Live within the USD#223 boundaries; 5. Live beyond USD#223 boundaries.

- The Clay County Arts Council is presenting an organ recital concert on **February 22 at 2pm** at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center. The concert will be performed by Dr. Tyler Boehmer, who is the primary organist for the "Messiah" annual presentation at Bethany College in Lindsborg. Dr. Boehmer will be performing a variety of music styles on the newly renovated Reuter pipe organ at St. Paul. This concert has been underwritten by private donations and will be FREE to all attending.

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. John Werner, 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.

Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv. 23, 25a, 26a*)

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

**O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:
you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;*
you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

**In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

**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.**

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **James 4:17 - "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."**

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Gradual (*Psalm 83:18, 13*)

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the Lord,
are the Most High over all the earth.
O my God, make them like whirling dust,
like chaff before the wind.

Epistle Reading: *2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9*

¹⁹ For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰ For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹ To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was

guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

¹ I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:4-15*

⁴ When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

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Luke 6: 12 ff.

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1 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend And then didst
 2 Oh, may Thy pas - tors faith - ful be, Not la - b'ring
 3 Oh, may Thy peo - ple faith - ful be And in Thy
 4 So may we when our work is done To - geth - er

Thine a - pos - tles send And bidd'st us pray the har - vest's Lord
 for them-selves, but Thee! Give grace to feed with whole-some food
 pas - tors hon - or Thee And with them work and for them pray
 stand be - fore Thy throne And joy - ful hearts and voic - es raise

To send forth sow - ers of Thy Word, Hear and Thy cho - sen
 The sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood, To tend Thy flock, and
 And glad - ly Thee in them o - bey, Re - ceive the proph - et
 In one u - nit - ed song of praise, With all the bright ce -

ser - vants bless With sev'n-fold gifts of ho - li - ness.
 thus to prove How dear - ly they the Shep - herd love.
 of the Lord And gain the proph - et's own re - ward!
 les - tial host, To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Sunday of Scripture Alone



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