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January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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: 408 "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

Hymn of the Day: 412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

Distribution Hymn: 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Distribution Hymn: 398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Distribution Hymn: 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Closing Hymn: 651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

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); Edith Lange (recovery)

Acolyte this Sunday - Cash Stunkel

Acolyte next Sunday - Annalise Orona

Ushers today - *Tyler Ohlde, Ryan Stuenkel, Noah Thalmann, & Zac Hiltgen

Ushers Jan. 22th - *Jacob Bott, Lance Gerleve, Eli Thalmann, & Dylan Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Sophia & Ethan Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 22nd & 29th - Claire & Camryn Beikmann

Upcoming Events

- January 15** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
1:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran Association Annual Meeting at Zion
5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Annual Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club)
- January 18** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class
- January 22** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- January 25** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class

Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran School Calendar:
 - * **Today** at 1 p.m. - Association Annual Meeting at Zion
 - * **Tomorrow, January 16th** - No School
 - * **Wednesday, February 1st** - No School
- * The St. John Men's Club will host their annual soup supper from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. **TODAY**. There will be four kinds of homemade soup, fresh-made grilled cheese sandwiches, and a variety of desserts! There will be a free-will offering with proceeds going to benefit LLL and other Men's Club projects.
- * Immanuel Strawberry Linn Soup Supper will be held on **Sunday, January 22nd**, in the Parish Hall from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free Will donation.
- * Lydia Hiesterman with Thrivent Financial would like to have a short meeting to discuss a few options with the Thrivent Fund that we have for the Edgar Fajen Memorial. We have it set up on **Sunday, January 22nd**, after church (10:45-ish) in the church. She said it should only last about 20 minutes. The finance committee will also be in attendance.
- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment will open for St. John & Zion members on Feb. 15, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old by Aug. 31, 2023. Incoming & returning students may call the school on Feb. 15 starting at 8 a.m. @ 785-348-5792 or stop in the school office to sign up their student. Enrollment will open to the public on March 21, 2023. Questions, please contact teacher, Mrs. Laura Stunkel or Linn Lutheran School.
- * I am forever grateful for all my family and friends. You are what made my birthday so special. Thank you and God Bless You! - Lorna Heitman
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org:** Study John 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue studying the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and study the 7th petition and conclusion of the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (1/21 at 10:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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.

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 my 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 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1*)

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*"

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;*

they sing praises | to your name."

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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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Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 33:12-23*

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Gradual (*Psalms 107:20-21*)

**He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:6-16*

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 148:2*)

Alleluia. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-11*

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

As We Gather . . . Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “*the mountains shall drip sweet wine*”. When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine. With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “*back*” of God is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride, and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “*love one another with brotherly affection . . .*” and to “*outdo one another in showing honor*”.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Introduction:

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition:

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition:

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Third Petition:

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come;

and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

The Sunday of the Wedding in Cana



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