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January 14, 2024

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 (pg. 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 email 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, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (nursing home)

Acolyte today - Deavon Ohlde

Acolyte Jan. 21st - Cash Stunkel

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Liam Voelker, Elijah Meier, & Ethan Bott

Ushers Jan. 21st - *Aaron Stuenkel, Greyson Ohlde, Zac Hiltgen, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Serving for Bible Class today & Jan. 21st - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

LYF Serving for Bible Class Jan. 28th & Feb. 4 - Ethan & Gretchen Bott

Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 14 | 8:45 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Quarterly Voters Mtg |
| Jan. 17 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation |
| Jan. 21 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal |
| | 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 Annual Association Meeting @ Zion |
| | 5:00-8:00 p.m. Annual Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club) |
| Jan. 24 | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation |
| Jan. 28 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School |

Announcements

- Due to extreme cold temperatures this weekend, the New Member Potluck has been postponed to **April 21st**. The Quarterly Voters Meeting will still be held **today** immediately following the service
- LCMS memory verse challenge this week: John 1:14 - **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."**
- St. John's Men's Club will be hosting its Annual Soup Supper on Sunday, January 21st, from 5-8 p.m. Menu includes: soup, grilled cheese, and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for desserts and workers.
- Due to the weather forecast, Zion's Men's Club Pancake Supper scheduled for today has been postponed until **February 18th**.
- The Kansas District Life Conference, which will be held in conjunction with the March/Rally for Life on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Matthew Durance, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church and School in Harbor Beach, Mich. The conference will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka (901 SW Fillmore St., Topeka, KS 66606). Those participating in the March for Life will assemble at the Topeka Performing Arts Center at 11:40 a.m. (214 SE 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66603). The March for Life will begin at noon and will end at the Kansas State Capitol in downtown Topeka, where the Rally for Life will be held. Visit the 2024 Life Conference page on the District website to register and find a schedule.

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

All the earth worships you and sings praise- | 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 praise- | 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 (*Psalm 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 (*Psalm 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".

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

BEGINS ON JANUARY 6TH

The Greek word *epiphaneia* refers to the appearance of a god among mortals. The same word was adapted to describe the visit of a king to a favored city. He was greeted with pomp. Days were spent in feasting and revelry, all at the king's expense.

The epiphany of Jesus is the Lord's gracious appearance to His people with signs and wonders and favors given at His own expense. Epiphany is about the Magi, the gathering of the Gentiles as God's people. It is also about the Baptism of our Lord, who prepares the waters of Baptism for us. Epiphany is about Jesus' first sign or miracle performed at Cana to bless a marriage.

Calendar: Epiphany always begins on January 6. The length of the season depends on the date of Easter. The last Sunday in Epiphany is always Transfiguration Sunday.

Customs: For Epiphany Day and The Baptism of Our Lord (the first Sunday after Epiphany Day) the color is white, symbolizing joy and purity. For the rest of the Epiphany season, the color is green, the color of life and growth. On Epiphany Day burn the Christmas trees at a bonfire. Sing carols or hymns. On Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, celebrate God's blessings for you in Baptism by renewing your baptismal vows. Encourage baptismal sponsors and mentors to fulfill their "loving and faithful work." Tell children the story of their baptismal day and encourage them to play around a basin of water. Read Bible stories with them each day.

- from *The Lord Will Answer: A Daily Prayer Catechism*

The Sunday of the Wedding in Cana



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