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January 16, 2022

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: 402 "The Only Son from Heaven"

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

Distribution Hymn: 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Distribution Hymn: 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde,

Lorraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna Heitman (in the nursing home)

Ladonna Hornkoh (cancer treatment)

Family of Darwin Knox

Acolyte this Sunday - Greyson Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Aiden Sweet

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Elijah Meier, Lance Gerleve, & Brady Kolle

Ushers next Sunday - *Brady Kolle, John Bott, Evan Bott, & Conner Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Hour today - Ethan & Sophia Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour Jan. 23rd & 30th - Mason Tiemeyer & Conner Ohlde

Upcoming Events

January 16

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

5:00-8:00 p.m. St. John Soup Supper (hosted by Men's Club)

January 19

5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

January 23

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

January 26

5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

January 30

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

Announcements

- * St. John Men's Club will be serving soup and dessert **TODAY, Jan. 16**, from 5-8 p.m.
- * Immanuel Linn's Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- * St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clay Center has invited St. John members to join them for a Value Them Both informational meeting on **Saturday, January 29**, at 8 p.m. in their sanctuary. This amendment will be on the ballot come the August Primary Election. David Beauchamp (with Kansas Family Voice) will give a presentation on the amendment so that our community is more informed to the issues at hand – namely abortion in the State of Kansas. Coffee and refreshments will be available.
- * Advice for raising Christian kids. Christian thinker and defender of the faith Greg Koukl recently outlined some sage and Biblical advice for raising children in these times (listen here: <https://www.str.org/w/advice-for-raising-christian-kids>). To summarize his points:
 - * Start a program of domestic spiritual feeding (Bible & catechism) early.
 - * Ideally, so early that they don't ever remember a time without it, but whenever you start, just start.
 - * Be persistent to be consistent.
 - * Send your kids to a Christian school (or homeschool).
 - * Make sure that your Sunday church attendance is consistent. Sunday church is a fixed point of the universe.
 - * Live a life of Christian integrity and loyalty to Christ.
- * To help members of Peace Lutheran in Natoma who lost their homes in the recent fires get back on their feet, visit <https://kslcms.org/business-office/donate/>. Click the red "donate" button to access the secure payment page and choose "Kansas Disaster Response" as a designation, with "NW Kansas Fire" in the comments box.
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU:** Hear specials on the sanctity of life leading up to the March for Life on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m.), study Luke 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and study Matthew 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.). Listen live or on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app!

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 praises | 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 praises | es to you;*

they sing praises | to your name."

Come and see what | God has done:*
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children 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 beginning,*
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.

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

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.”

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.

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*” (**Amos 9:11–15**). 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 (**John 2:1–11**). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “*back*” of God (**Exodus 33:12–23**) 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 (**Ephesians 5:22–32**), 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*” (**Romans 12:6–16**).

CATECHETICAL REVIEW

An Explanation of the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer (Continued)

The Seventh Petition: (Continued)

But deliver us from evil.

233. What final deliverance from evil do we ask the Lord to bring to us?

We want our Father in heaven to keep us faithful to Him and when we die to take us from this sorrowful world to Himself in heaven.

816 **Luke 2:29-30** - Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.

817 **2 Timothy 4:18** - The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

818 **Revelation 14:13** - Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

819 **Revelation 21:4** - He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, which means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

234. Why do we end the Lord's Prayer with the word "amen"?

The word *amen* means "so shall it be" and emphasizes that God, who has commanded us to pray, will hear our prayers and answer them as He has promised.

820 **Psalms 50:15** - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.

821 **Proverbs 15:8** - The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases Him.

822 **Proverbs 15:29** - The Lord is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous.

The Sunday of the Wedding in Cana



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