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January 22, 2023

Third 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: 734 "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name"

Hymn of the Day: 401 "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

Distribution Hymn: 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Distribution Hymn: 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Distribution Hymn: 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Closing Hymn: 921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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 - Annalise Orona

Acolyte next Sunday - Deavon Ohlde

Ushers today - *Jacob Bott, Lance Gerleve, Eli Thalmann, & Dylan Ohlde

Ushers Jan. 29th - *Cody Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, Mason Tiemeyer, & Ethan Bott

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

LYF Fellowship Hour Feb. 5th & 12th - Conner Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

Upcoming Events

- 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
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class
- January 29** 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
- January 30** 6:30 p.m. Linn Lutheran PTL meeting
- February 1** 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Parenting Bible Class

Announcements

- * Immanuel Strawberry Linn Soup Supper will be held **today, January 22nd**, in their 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 **TODAY** after the service (10:45-ish) in the church. It should only last about 20 minutes. The finance committee will also be in attendance.
- * Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund has started its matching program for 2023. Send your checks to Linn Lutheran School, and 50% will be match by Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund and will be subtracted from your churches bill that month. Matching will go until July 15, 2023; whatever is not matched will go to the 4th Teacher Fund.
- * Linn Lutheran School PTL Meeting on **Monday, January 30th**, at 6:30 p.m. at Zion. Pastor Hayes will talk about Christian parenting, and Kelley Beier will talk about this year's Linn Lutheran Science Fair. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- * 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.
- * The LCMS publishes a weekly memory verse challenge: <https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge>
- * **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study John 4-5 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Ruth 2-4 and Esther 1-2 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11a.m.), and study what Baptism is on Concord Matters (1/28 at 10 a.m.).

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 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 97:1, 10-12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9*)

The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his | glory.
For you, O Lord, are most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

The Lord reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*
let the many coast- | lands be glad!
O you who love the Lord, hate | evil!*
He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the
hand of the | wicked.

Light is sown for the | righteous,*
and joy for the up- | right in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you | righteous,*
and give thanks to his | holy name!
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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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: *2 Kings 5:1-15a*

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

Gradual (*Psalms 102:15-16*)

Nations will fear the name of the Lord,

and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

For the Lord builds up Zion;

he appears in his glory.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:16-21*

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 97:1*)

Alleluia. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 8:1-13*

¹ When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

⁵ When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

CATECHETICAL REVIEW: THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Fourth Petition:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The Fifth Petition:

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition:

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

The Seventh Petition:

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

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 means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

The Sunday of the Centurion's Faith



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