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Second Sunday after Christmas

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: 546 "O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"

Hymn of the Day: 385 "From East to West"

Distribution Hymn: 389 "Let All Together Praise Our God"

Distribution Hymn: 392 "God Loves Me Dearly"

Distribution Hymn: 383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

Distribution Hymn: 383 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

Closing Hymn: 386 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

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, Loren Bott,

JoAnn Ohlde, & Marilynne Ohlde (nursing home); Addie Voelker (cancer);

Charlotte Voelker (DBS procedure)

Acolyte today - Lucious Petesch Acolyte Sun., Jan. 12th - Emma Hiltgen

Ushers today - *Elijah Meier, Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

Ushers Jan. 12th - *Evan Bott, Cash Stunkel, Greyson Ohlde, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Fellowship Service today - none

LYF Fellowship Service Jan. 12th & 19th - Zac Hiltgen & Dylan Ohlde

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Jan. 6 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper at Zion, Linn
7:00 p.m. Circuit-7 Epiphany Service at Zion, Linn
- Jan. 8 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. LWML Meeting (in large Sunday School room)
- Jan. 12 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
~11:40 a.m. New Member Potluck Dinner
~12:30 p.m. Quarterly Voters Mtg (immediately follows dinner)
- Jan. 15 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting with Pres. Panzer

Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Matthew 1:21** - "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
- Linn Lutheran School resumes school on **Monday, Jan. 6**. Our first Chapel of the new year is **Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 8:30 a.m.** at Zion with Pastor Wingfield leading. Linn Lutheran will NOT have school on **Friday, Jan. 17th**.
- Zion Men's Club in Linn would like to invite you to their Annual Pancake Supper on **Sunday, Jan. 12**, serving from 5-8 p.m. Hope to see you there!
- A 9-week class will be offered at Zion, Linn, that focuses on Biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you. Contact Jacob Harding at jacob.harding85@gmail.com or text (308-391-9360) to sign up. See our bulletin board for a flyer with more information on this class starting **Jan. 19th**.

As We Gather...

Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1-7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13-23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my Son" (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12-19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: v. 2)*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength
because | of your foes,
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;

you have put all things under | his feet.

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 Christmas

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 46:1-7*

1 So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.” 3 Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. 4 I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

5 Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, 7 his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

Gradual (*Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16b*)

**Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles,
to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.
You, O Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.**

Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 4:12-19*

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 145:21*)

Alleluia. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:13-23*

13 When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism
The Apostles' Creed – The Second Article (Cont.)

The Office of Christ

125. For what threefold office was Christ anointed?

Christ was anointed to be our Prophet, Priest, and King.

A. As prophet, Christ

1. preached personally during His life on earth, validating His word with miracles, especially His own resurrection;

431 **Deuteronomy 18:15** - The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him.

432 **Matthew 17: 5** - "This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

433 **Mark 1:38** - Let us go somewhere else - to the nearby villages - so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.

434 **John 1:17-18** - The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.

435 **John 6:68** - Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

2. through the preached Gospel today still proclaims Himself to be the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

436 **Mark 16:15** - He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

437 **Luke 10:16** - He who listens to you listens to Me; he who rejects you rejects Me; but he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

438 **2 Corinthians 5:20** - We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

B. As Priest, Christ

1. fulfilled the Law perfectly in our stead (active obedience);

439 **Galatians 4:4-5** - When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

2. sacrificed Himself for our sins (passive obedience);

440 **1 Corinthians 15:3** - Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

441 **Hebrews 7:26-27** - Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself.

442 **1 John 2:2** - He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. still pleads for us with His heavenly Father (intercession).

443 **1 John 2:1** - We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

The Sunday of the Flight to Egypt



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