

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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### January 11, 2026

### Baptism of Our Lord

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 Werner, 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 Four (pg. 203)

Opening Hymn: 403 "O Savior of Our Fallen Race"

Hymn of the Day: 601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

Distribution Hymn: 404 "Jesus, Once with Sinner Numbered"

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

Distribution Hymn: 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

Distribution Hymn: 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

Closing Hymn: 594 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

### Prayer Requests

Please text or call Pastor Werner at (612) 716-4753 to submit prayer requests.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Lorna Heitman, Loren Bott, JoAnn Ohlde, & Gladys Stone (nursing home); Micah Helms (cancer)

Acolyte today - Kyra Ohlde

Acolyte Jan. 18 - Lexie Ohlde

Ushers today - \*Daniel Nabors, Zac Hiltgen, Greyson Ohlde, & Deaven Ohlde

Ushers Jan. 18 - \*Dylan Ohlde, Lucious Petesch, Noah Thalmann, & Conner Ohlde

Fellowship Hour LYF serving today & Jan. 18 - Aiden Sweet & Dylan Ohlde

Fellowship Hour LYF serving Jan. 25 & Feb. 1 - Zac & Sophia Hiltgen

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 11 8:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School  
1:00 p.m. Annual Association Meeting at Zion

Jan. 14 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Jan. 18 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)  
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 w/Qrtly Voters Mtg following  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Soup Supper (hosted by St. John Men's Club)

Jan. 21 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation

Jan. 25 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal (*new members welcome!*)  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

### Announcements

- Zion's Men's Club will be hosting their annual Pancake Supper **TODAY, January 11th**, from 5-8pm; free-will offering. Sausage patties will be available for purchase.
- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Ephesians 1:7** - "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."
- **Linn Lutheran News**
  - **Wed., Jan. 14, at 8:30am** - Chapel with Pastor Wingfield at Zion. 3rd Quarter Chapel Offering is going towards Lutherans for Life of Kansas.
  - **Mon., Jan. 19, at 6:00pm** - Linn Lutheran January School Board Meeting
  - **Mon., Feb. 16th** - The next scheduled day off for Linn Lutheran School
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bremen will be having their annual Pancake Supper on **February 1st**. Serving from 4:30pm - 8:00pm. Freewill Donation.
- Due to some confusion/miscommunication on Christmas Eve, the special offering for the Orphan Grain Train was not collected. Therefore, **TODAY, January 11th**, we are collecting that special offering in the narthex. The normal plate offering will still be collected, as usual. The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The organization's wish list can be found on their website ([ogt.org](http://ogt.org)) and includes supplies for infants, medical, hygiene, and school as well as clothing, quilts/comforters/towels, and other items. Cash donations help pay for shipping. The average cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11. The average cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000.

## 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. John Werner, 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 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*)

Behold the Lord, the ruler, | has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all  
gener- | ations.**

**He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”**

**And I will make him the | firstborn,\*  
the highest of the kings | of the earth.**

**My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.**

**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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and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
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## Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading: *Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup> At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup> and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup> And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup> “And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup> So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup> and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup> the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

### Gradual (*Psalms 72:18-19*)

**Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,**

**who alone does wondrous things.**

**Blessèd be his glorious name forever;**

**may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

### Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17*

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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### As We Gather...

#### **In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners**

*Our Lord Jesus is baptized “to fulfill all righteousness”. He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption”. Jesus is the “chosen” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death. Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the*

Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus through death into the promised land of new life with God.

## Catechetical Review

### Table of Duties

CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND POSITIONS,  
ADMONISHING THEM ABOUT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### To Husbands

*1 Peter 3:7*

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

*Colossians 3:19*

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

#### To Wives

*Ephesians 5:22*

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

*1 Peter 3:5-6*

For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

#### To Parents

*Ephesians 6:4*

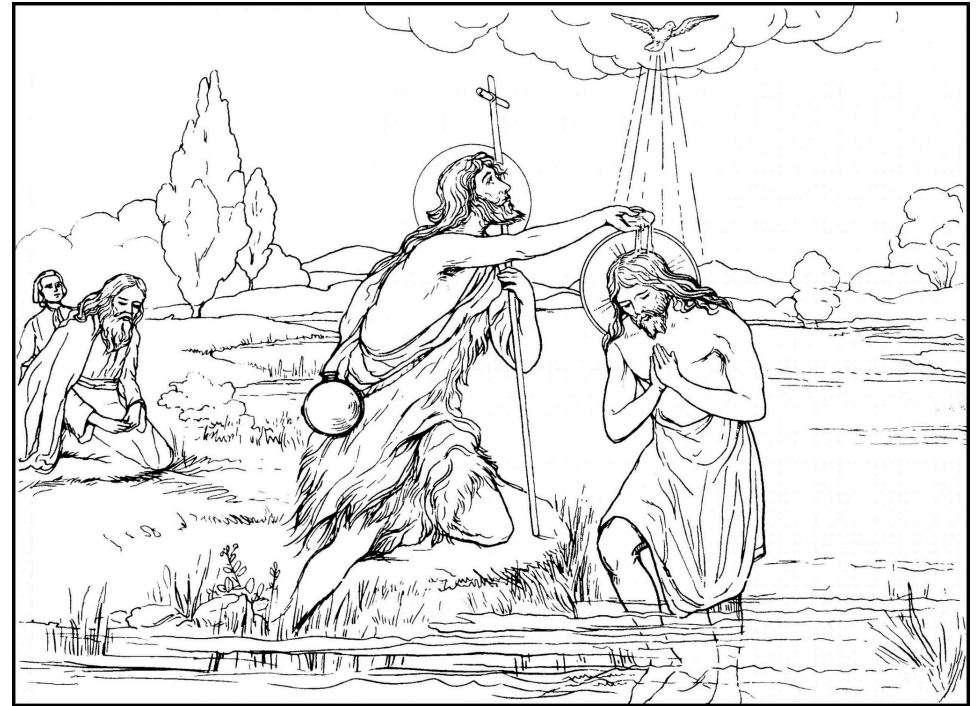
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

#### To Children

*Ephesians 6:1-3*

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

*This is my beloved son,  
with whom I am well pleased.*



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