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January 21, 2024

The Transfiguration 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 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: 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

Hymn of the Day: 395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Distribution Hymn: 414 "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Distribution Hymn: 537 "Beautiful Savior"

Distribution Hymn: 396 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

Distribution Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Closing Hymn: 582 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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 - Annalise Orona

Acolyte Jan. 28th - Cash Stunkel

Ushers today - *Aaron Stuenkel, Greyson Ohlde, Zac Hiltgen, & Conner Ohlde

Ushers Jan. 28th - *Elijah Meier, Ethan Bott, Daniel Nabors, & Aiden Sweet

LYF Serving for Bible Class today - Dylan Ohlde & Mason Tiemeyer

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

Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 21 | 8:30 a.m. Mixed Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 a.m. Quarterly Voters Mtg & 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

- Please note that we will be having our Quarterly Voters Meeting immediately following the service.
- Due to extreme cold temperatures last weekend, the New Member Potluck has been postponed to **April 21st**.
- St. John's Men's Club will be hosting its Annual Soup Supper **TODAY**, January 21st, from 5-8 p.m. Menu includes: soup, grilled cheese, and desserts.
- Immanuel Men's Club will host their annual soup supper **Jan. 28**, from 5-7:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Linn Lutheran Preschool Enrollment times are approaching for the 2024-2025 School Year. Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), & current Linn Lutheran School Families- your enrollment opening date is set for **Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024**. If you do not fall under the above criteria, your enrollment opening date is set for **Monday, March 18, 2024**. NOTE: To enroll, call Linn Lutheran School @ 785-348-5792 or stop in the office to get your child's name on our list starting at 8am. *Early enrollment prior to the dates listed above, enrollment via text, email and/or Facebook messenger will NOT be accepted and we will ask you to hold your request until the enrollment window is open accordingly, as listed above.

Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35*

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gradual (*Psalm 45:2a, 110:1*)

**You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

Epistle Reading: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia Verse (*Psalm 96:2-3*)

Alleluia. Sing to the Lord; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

As We Gather...

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matthew 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Peter 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

Catechetical Review

An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

[God's Gift of Life]

You shall not murder.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in despite every physical need.

53. Does anyone have authority to take another person's life?

Yes, lawful government, as God's servant, may execute criminals and fight just wars.

165 **Romans 13:4** - He is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

54. What does God require of us in the Fifth Commandment?

A. We should help and support our neighbor in every bodily need.

166 **Romans 12:20** - If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

Bible narratives: Abraham rescued Lot from his enemies (**Genesis 14:12-16**).

David protected the life of Saul (**1 Samuel 26:1-12**). The good Samaritan helped the man who had fallen among thieves (**Luke 10:33-35**).

B. We should be merciful, kind, and forgiving towards our neighbor.

167 **Matthew 5:5, 7, 9** - Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth...Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy...Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

168 **Matthew 6:15** - If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

169 **Ephesians 4:32** - Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Bible narratives: Jesus showed mercy to the 10 lepers (**Luke 17:11-19**). The centurion was kind to his sick servant (**Matthew 8:5-13**). Joseph was forgiving toward his brothers (**Genesis 45:1-16**).

C. We should avoid and assist our neighbor in avoiding the abuse of drugs and the use of any substance that harms the body and the mind.

170 **2 Corinthians 7:1** - Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." - Matthew 17:5



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LCMS memory verse challenge this week: Romans 6:3-4 - "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."