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February 2, 2025 Purification of Mary and Presentation 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: 544 "O Love, How Deep"

Hymn of the Day: 519 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

Distribution Hymn: 624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

Distribution Hymn: 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Distribution Hymn: 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Closing Hymn: 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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);

Tiffany Snyder (lung spots)

Acolyte today - Kyra Ohlde

Acolyte Sun., Feb. 9th - Lexie Ohlde

Ushers today - *Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, Liam Voelker, & Cash Stunkel

Ushers Feb. 9th - *Aaron Stuenkel, Conner Ohlde, Aiden Sweet, Greyson Ohlde

LYF Fellowship Service today - Mason & Emmitt Tiemeyer

LYF Fellowship Service Feb. 9th & 16th - Noah Thalmann & Camryn Beikmann

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
6:30 p.m. LYF Combined Event with Zion, Immanuel, and Bethlehem at Bethlehem, Greenleaf
- Feb. 5 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation
- Feb. 9 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School
1:00 p.m. Linn Lutheran School Association Meeting at Zion (regarding hiring a 3rd/4th grade teacher)

Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Ephesians 5:25b-27** - "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."
- Linn Lutheran February Events:
 - Wednesday, Feb. 12 - 7:00 p.m. - PTL Meeting in Zion's basement
 - Thursday, Feb. 13 - 11:30 a.m. dismissal; buses run accordingly. Parent/Teacher Conferences from Noon-6:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, Feb. 16- Annual PTL Roller Skating Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rolla-Rena 1133 6th St. Beatrice, NE 68310; \$6.00 a skater. Everyone is welcome to join us on this fun & popular yearly event!!!
 - Monday, Feb. 17- No School for just Linn Lutheran!!!
 - Monday, Feb. 17 - 7:15 p.m. - Linn Lutheran School Board Meeting
- Linn Lutheran Preschool returning students, Association member church families (St. John & Zion), & current Linn Lutheran School Families: Your enrollment date is set for **Friday, Feb. 14, 2025**. If you do not fall under the above criteria, our enrollment opening date is set for **Friday, March 14, 2025**. NOTE: To enroll your child, call Linn Lutheran School at 785-348-5792 or stop in the school office starting at 8:00 a.m. to get your child's name on our list. *Early enrollment prior to the dates or times listed above, enrollment via text, e-mail 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. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laura Stunkel.
- Bethlehem, Bremen will have its pancake feed **TODAY** beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the parish hall at 401 Arrowhead. Free will offering with proceeds to Kansas LLL projects.

(One more announcement on back!)

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 48:1-3, 8; antiphon: v.9)

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,
in the midst of your | temple.

**Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised
in the city | of our God!**

**His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.**

Within her | citadels

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

**As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in
the city | of our God,
which God will establish for- | ever.**

**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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in the midst of your | temple.

Collect for the Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *1 Samuel 1:21-28*

21 The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” 23 Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. 27 For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

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: *Hebrews 2:14-18*

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Alleluia Verse (*Matthew 5:3*)

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:22-32*

22 When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

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- The special offering for **TODAY** Lutheran Hour Sunday supports Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM), which is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world. LHM partners with churches and individuals to carry the Good News of Jesus into more than 60 countries, including places where foreign missionaries cannot enter. Here at home, you can find LHM’s flagship broadcast, The Lutheran Hour, on radio stations nationwide, SiriusXM’s Family Talk channel, or your favorite streaming provider. LHM invites you to connect with them today and become part of something bigger... Together. One family. Connected in Christ.

Catechetical Review

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

The Savior in the State of Humiliation

128. Which words of the Apostles' Creed describe the stages of Christ's humiliation?

"Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried."

129. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's conception?

They teach that Christ, the Son of God, received a true human body and soul in the Virgin Mary through the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, not through a human father.

448 **Luke 1:35** - The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

449 **Matthew 1:20** - Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

446 **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.

130. What do the Scriptures teach of the birth of Christ?

They teach that Jesus Christ, the God-man, was born of the Virgin Mary.

450 **Isaiah 7:14** - The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. (See also **Matthew 1:23**).

451 **Luke 2:7** - She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Bible narrative: The virgin birth (**Matthew 1:18-25**).



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- 2025 Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund Matching Program has started and will go until **July 15, 2025** or until all funds are matched. If you would like to donate to the Matching Funds program and have the Endowment match your check by 50%, you can drop your checks by Linn Lutheran School or mail them. For example, if you mail a check to the school for \$2,000.00, the Endowment Fund will then match 50% of that check, which is \$1,000.00; that month, instead of St. John owing \$16,507.73 for the month, \$3,000.00 will be subtracted from the monthly bill, and they will get a bill at the end of the month for \$13,507.73.