

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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December 31, 2024

Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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: 896 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

Hymn of the Day: 900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Distribution Hymn: 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Distribution Hymn: 621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Closing Hymn: 899 "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

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)

Acolyte Sun., Jan. 5th - Lucious Petesch

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, & Noah Thalmann

Ushers Jan. 5th - *Elijah Meier, Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, & Liam Voelker

LYF Fellowship Service Jan. 5th - none

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

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 31** 7:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion with Installation of Officers (NYE/Eve of the Name of Jesus)
- 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
- 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)

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 is on Christmas Break until **Mon., Jan. 6**, when classes resume. We invite you to join us in the new year at chapel on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at Zion. Our next chapel will be on **Wed., Jan. 8**, with Mr. Beikmann leading. From everyone at Linn Lutheran School, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Join us for the Circuit-7 Epiphany Service & Soup Supper at Zion, Linn on Jan. 6. Soup is served at 6 p.m., and the worship service starts at 7 p.m.
- 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**.

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.

Evening Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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 40:6-8; antiphon: v. 40:16)

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
“Great | is the Lord!”

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given
me an | open ear.***

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;*

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*

your law is with- | in my heart.”

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.

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
“Great | is the Lord!”

Collect for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Numbers 6:22-27*

²² The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Gradual (*Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*)

**This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:**

I will put my laws into their minds,

and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 3:23-29*

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

Alleluia Verse (*Matthew 1:21*)

Alleluia. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:21*

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Circuit-7 Epiphany Service & Soup Supper

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Linn, KS

When: On Epiphany! Monday, January 6th, 2025

Time: Supper @ 6pm. Worship @ 7pm

Cost: No cost for the meal.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

During this morning's Divine Service, the newly elected officers of this congregation will be installed into their respective offices:

Chairman:

Steve Meier

Vice Chairman:

Daryl Bott

Board of Elders:

Danny Hornkohl & Karl Tiemeyer

Board of Trustees:

Aaron Stuenkel & Shaun Ohlde

Board of Education (School Board):

Clarice Ohlde

Financial Secretary:

Darren Bott

Please keep these newly elected and the continuing stewards in your prayers.

The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make His face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His
countenance upon you
and give you peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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