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**January 26, 2025**

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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:** 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

**Hymn of the Day:** 401 "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

**Distribution Hymn:** 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

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

**Distribution Hymn:** 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

**Closing Hymn:** 825 "Rise, Shine, You People"

## Prayer Requests

Please email prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at [pastor.hayes@outlook.com](mailto: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** - Nolan Meier

**Acolyte Sun., Feb. 2nd** - Kyra Ohlde

**Ushers today** - \*Ethan Bott, Mason Tiemeyer, Noah Thalmann, & Deavon Ohlde

**Ushers Feb. 2nd** - \*Daniel Nabors, Kingston Voelker, Liam Voelker, & Cash Stunkel

**LYF Fellowship Service today & Feb. 2nd** - Mason & Emmitt Tiemeyer

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

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Jan. 26</b> | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class; NO Children's Sunday School |
| <b>Jan. 29</b> | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation  |
| <b>Feb. 2</b>  | 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion<br>10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School   |
| <b>Feb. 5</b>  | 5:30 p.m. Midweek/Confirmation  |

## Announcements

- LCMS memory verse challenge: **Revelation 1:7-8** - "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."
- The special offering for Lutheran Hour Sunday on **February 2** 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.
- 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 on **Feb 2** beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the parish hall at 401 Arrowhead. Free will offering with proceeds to Kansas LLL projects.

## 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.

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### 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 97:1, 10-12; antiphon: vv. 6, 9)*

The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,\*  
and all the peoples see his | glory.  
For you, O Lord, are most high over | all the earth,\*  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

**The Lord reigns, let the | earth rejoice;\***  
**let the many coast- | lands be glad!**  
**O you who love the Lord, hate | evil!\***  
**He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the**  
**hand of the | wicked.**

**Light is sown for the | righteous,\***  
**and joy for the up- | right in heart.**  
**Rejoice in the Lord, O you | righteous,\***  
**and give thanks to his | holy name!**  
**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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Old Testament Reading: *2 Kings 5:1-15a*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup> Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup> And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

## 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: *Romans 12:16-21*

<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 97:1*)

**Alleluia.** The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! **Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading: *Matthew 8:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

<sup>5</sup> When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## 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.

C. As King, Christ

1. rules with His almighty power over all creation (the kingdom of power - all creatures);

444 **Matthew 28:18** - All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

2. governs and protects especially His church (the kingdom of grace - the church on earth);

445 **John 18:36-37** - Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, My servants would fight to prevent My arrest by the Jews. But now My kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."

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.

#### The Savior in the State of Humiliation

##### 126. What two states do the Scriptures distinguish in Christ's work of salvation?

A. The state of humiliation

B. The state of exaltation

##### 127. What was Christ's humiliation?

Christ's humiliation was that as man He did not always or fully use His divine powers.

447 **Philippians 2:5-8** - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross (NKJV).

*Bible narratives:* Wedding at Cana (**John 2:1-11**). Raising of Lazarus (**John 11:38-44**). Rays of hidden glory (**John 18:1-6**).

## The Sunday of the Centurion's Faith



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