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First Sunday in Advent

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 (Page 184)

Opening Hymn: 331 "The Advent of Our King"

Hymn of the Day: TLH 58 (second tune) "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"

v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 7 - women; v. 8 - men

Distribution Hymn: 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Distribution Hymn: 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Distribution Hymn: 779 "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

Closing Hymn: 335 "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

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

Raymond Ohlde, Angie Reinert, LaVon Hornbostel, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, & Loraine Oldehoef (our nursing home residents)

Robbie Oelschlager (chronic pain)

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

Acolyte this Sunday - Dylan Ohlde

Acolyte next Sunday - Liam Voelker

Ushers this Sunday - *John Bott, Lance Gerleve, Brady Kolle, & Jacob Bott

Ushers next Sunday - *Andrew Tiemeyer, Eli Ohlde, Nathan Ohlde, & John Bott

LYF Fellowship Hour duty today & Dec. 6th - Ella & Eli Thalmann

LYF Fellowship Hour duty Dec. 13th & 20th - Elijah Meier & Sophia Bott

Upcoming Events

November 29

8:00 a.m. Divine Service (see explanation below)

9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class

10:45 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

December 2

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Midweek & Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent 1 at St. John

December 5

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

December 6

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Announcements

- * There is now an additional service time by sign-up only at 8 a.m. on Sundays, limited to about 30 people each week. This is an attempt to provide yet another attendance option for those needing a higher level of social distancing, masks, and other COVID related precautions. This spoken service will last about 30 minutes and will include Holy Communion. Attendance from the parish hall and the parking lot will remain an option during the regular 9:30 service. To sign up for the 8 a.m. service, please visit the church's website and use the link provided. If you have any trouble with the sign up or questions, please contact Pastor.
- * Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in this year's Linn Lutheran Endowment Fund Benefit Auction. We had a record-breaking auction and couldn't have done it without all the generous donations and bidders!! Also, we want to thank: Randy Hiltgen and Josh Hiltgen for coming in last-minute to be the auctioneers for the auction; Lisa Hiltgen for all her work on the auction book and for stepping in last-minute to come up with a program and system to clerk the auction; the parents of the Linn Lutheran students who were willing to come and help serve the meals, bring a dessert, and clean-up.; Pastor Hayes for all his guidance and wisdom in the days leading up to the event; last but not least, the Auction Committee for all the hours spent on this event since our planning started in August - Thank you for all you did in the months and weeks leading up to the event; we truly have a wonderful team that came together to pull off this event! God's Blessing to you all this holiday season.
- * We've been asked to gather three items for the Angel Tree collection for Christmas: deodorant, body wash, and boxes of turkey stuffing; donations should be put in the parish hall and are due on or before **December 6th**.
- * This week on KFUO.org, study "Advent with the Prophets" on Sharper Iron during Advent (**weekdays at 8 a.m.**), begin studying Identity on Mental Health Monday with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (**Monday, 11/30, at 9 a.m.**), and enjoy Midday Moments on creation, family, faith, scripture and the lighter side of life with Gary Duncan and special guests on **weekdays at noon**. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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, 22:23ff; 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.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at theresa_meier@yahoo.com by noon on Friday.



Introit *(Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv. 1-3a)*

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O Lord;*

teach me | your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- |
vation;***

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

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 First Sunday in Advent

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

* To join the audio broadcast from the parking lot during the service, tune in to FM 107.9. You may also come and listen from the parish hall, if it makes you more comfortable. Pastor can bring Holy Communion to you either way.

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

⁷ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

Epistle Reading: *Romans 13:8-14*

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-9*

¹ When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Matt. 21: 1-9
Wie soll ich dich empfangen
Paul Gerhardt, 1668, cento
Tr. composite

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(SECOND TUNE)

Wie soll ich dich
Johann Crüger, 1653

1 O Lord, how shall I meet Thee, How wel-come Thee a - right?

Thy peo - ple long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's De - light!

Oh, kin - dle, Lord, most ho - ly, Thy lamp with - in my breast

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please Thee best. A - men.

2 Thy Zion strews before Thee
Green boughs and fairest palms,
And I, too, will adore Thee
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

6 Ye need not toil nor languish
Nor ponder day and night
How in the midst of anguish
Ye draw Him by your might.
He comes, He comes all willing,
Moved by His love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling;
For all to Him are known.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning,
Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning,
Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

7 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for men procuring
The peace of sin forgiven,
For all God's sons securing
Their heritage in heaven.

4 Love caused Thy incarnation,
Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race!

8 What though the foes be raging,
Heed not their craft and spite;
Your Lord, the battle waging,
Will scatter all their might.
He comes, a King most glorious,
And all His earthly foes
In vain His course victorious
Endeavor to oppose.

5 Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you,
Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

9 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A Light of consolations
And blessèd Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams most cheering,
And guide us safely home.

As We Gather...

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (**Matt. 21:5**). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (**Jer. 23:5–6**). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” (**Matt. 21:9**) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (**Rom. 13:11**).

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

BEGINS FOUR SUNDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ADVENT comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.” *Adventus* signifies the approach of someone of dignity, power, and glory, someone who has the power to bestow favor or exact penalties.

For Christians, the season of Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, a time of patient waiting for the reappearing of Christ, and a time to cultivate the gift of patience for daily life.

Calendar: Advent begins the last Sunday of November or the first Sunday in December. It is always four Sundays before Christmas.

Customs: Colors for the season are purple or blue. At church and at home, light Advent candles (four natural beeswax candles or red candles). Beginning on December 17th, sing the “O Antiphons,” which express Israel’s yearning for the Messiah. During Advent, set up a *creche* or nativity scene at church or at home. The figures of Mary and Joseph should be placed in the nativity scene a day or two before Christmas. After the final Advent service, a Christmas tree may also be set up at church or in the home. From Advent through the season of Easter, the Gospel readings at church focus on the life of Jesus. Read Bible stories to children each day.

The Meaning of Ad Te Levavi

The first Sunday in Advent is traditionally known as Ad Te Levavi, which are the first Latin words of the Historic Introit assigned to this Sunday. Ad Te Levavi means “to you, I have lifted up” (Ad te levavi animam meam = to you I have lifted up my soul).

Ad Te Levavi



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