

## St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

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**January 13, 2019**

### The Baptism 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 Gruoner, 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:** 394: 1, 2, 5 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

**Sermon Hymn:** 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

**Communion Hymn:** 602 "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"

**Communion Hymn:** 605 "Father Welcomes"

**Communion Hymn:** 590 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at [gholtorf@bluevalley.net](mailto:gholtorf@bluevalley.net). Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

**Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain**

**Kay Bott – cancer recovery**

**Acolytes this Sunday** - Ryan Stuenkel & Riana Spiehs

**Acolytes next Sunday** - Ella Thalmann & Camryn Beikmann

**Ushers this Sunday** - \*Evan Bott, John Bott, Cody Ohlde, Aaron Stuenkel

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

### Upcoming Events

**January 13**

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Voter's Assembly meeting  
11:45 a.m. New Member Potluck  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Pancake Supper at Zion, Linn

**January 14**

7:00 p.m. LWML Mtg (bring your Quarterly!)

**January 16**

5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek

**January 18**

7:00 p.m. Wissman family program

**January 20**

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school  
1:00 p.m. LLS Association Meeting @ Zion  
5:00-8:00 p.m. St. John Soup Supper

**January 23**

5:30 p.m. St. John Midweek

**January 27**

8:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible class & Sunday school

### Announcements

- \* **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We will no longer designate the 3rd Sunday to Kids' Choir during Sunday school. Instead, the kids will have a brief practice in the "opening room" before Sunday school every Sunday.
- \* The prayer chain for St. John has been updated. Whenever there is a prayer request, please contact Deb Ohlde at 446-3378 or 275-2499 (cell) or [dcohlde@nckcn.com](mailto:dcohlde@nckcn.com). Deb will begin the process of circulating the request. If all three ways to reach Deb have not worked, you can contact Annette Bott at 692-4272 or 632-7425 (cell) or via e-mail [anbott@bluevalley.net](mailto:anbott@bluevalley.net).
- \* Zion's Men's Group Annual Pancake Supper this evening (January 13th), from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm, in Zion, Linn 's church basement. Lots of yummy pancakes, blueberry pancakes topped with butter and syrups of your choice (including sugar free), eggs, and sausages, plus drinks. Freewill offering to support KS District and other LLL projects.
- \* The Men's Club of St. John is hosting a soup supper on Sunday, January 20th from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. All are invited to come enjoy a variety of soups along with some grilled cheese sandwiches. If you are willing to donate bars, cake, or pies, please sign up at the bulletin board or text Dave Beikmann @ 402-200-9720. Proceeds will go toward Lutheran Laymen's League and Lutheran Hour Ministries projects.
- \* Linn Lutheran School Association will hold its annual meeting at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn on Sunday, January 20th @ a 1 p.m. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board at both churches.

## 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. David Gruoner, Vacancy Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church*

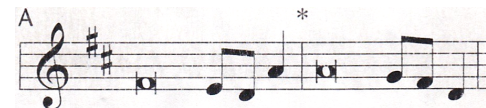
In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination

- ☐ 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

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\* The Wissman family program is on Friday, January 18 at 7 p.m. in the St. John Fellowship Hall; there will be a free will offering. For over 15 years the Wissman family has delighted audiences nationwide with their fusion of acoustic instrumentals and tight vocal harmonies. Loren and Gloria Wissman and their 13 children hail from Milford, Nebraska, but have spent much of the past few years traveling in family music and teaching ministry. Since their family's beginnings they have sought the Lord specifically in the area of deepening their Christian walk and the principles of passing down a godly heritage to the next generations. A photo of the family is posted on the church's bulletin board. Invite your friends and come and enjoy the music!

## Introit



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**I will tell of | the decree:\***

**The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.**

**You shall break them with a rod of | iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

**Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.**

**Serve the | Lord with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,  
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\***

**Blessèd are all who take refuge | in him.  
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.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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### **Old Testament Reading:**

#### **Isaiah 43:1–7**

1But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
3For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
4Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
5Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
6I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
7everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

### **Epistle Reading:**

#### **Romans 6:1–11**

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?  
2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know  
that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his  
death? 4We 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.  
5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly  
be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was  
crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so  
that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For one who has died has been set  
free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also  
live with him. 9We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die  
again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to  
sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11So you also must  
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Reading:**

#### **Luke 3:15–22**

15As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their  
hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16John answered them  
all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming,  
the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit and with fire. 17His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his  
threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn  
with unquenchable fire.”  
18So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.  
19But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his  
brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20added this to  
them all, that he locked up John in prison.  
21Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been  
baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

## **CATECHETICAL REVIEW**

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*as the Head of the Family Should Teach Them in a Simple Way to His Household.*

#### **The Ninth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our  
neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears  
right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

#### **The Tenth Commandment**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant,  
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

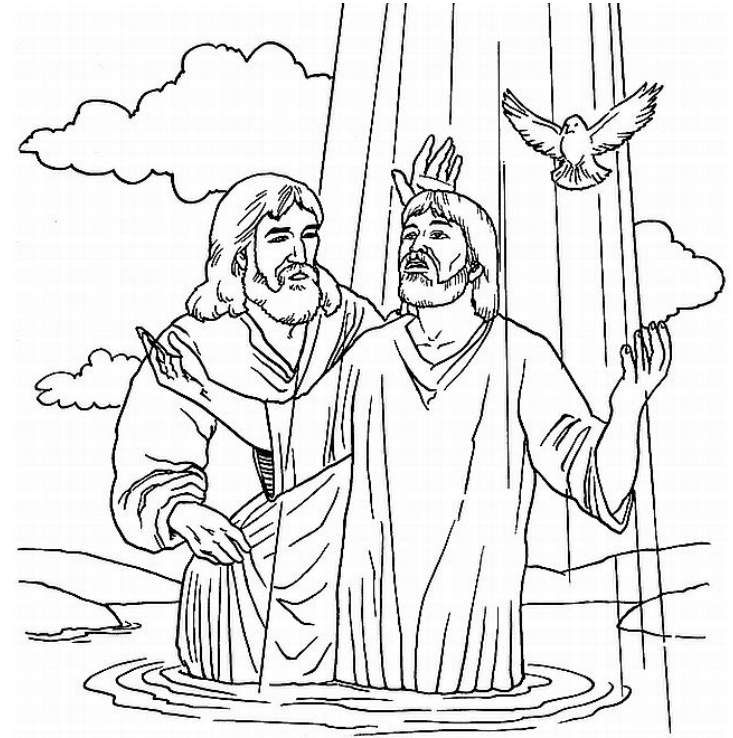
We should fear and love God that we do not entice or force away our  
neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge  
them to stay and do their duty.

Please email any announcements for the bulletin to Theresa at  
**[theresa\\_meier@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa_meier@yahoo.com)** by noon on Friday.

... and a Voice came from heaven,  
“Thou art My Beloved Son.”

## From Martin Luther's 1528 Confession of Faith

The only holy orders and institutions established of God are these three: The ministerial office, matrimony, temporal government. All who are in the pastoral office or in the service of the Word, are in a holy, legitimate, good order and station, one well-pleasing to God, those namely who preach, administer the sacraments, have charge of the common treasury, sextons and messengers or servants who minister unto them, etc. These are indeed holy works before God. So then to be father or mother, to govern the house well and to train up children for the service of God, is also really a holy state, a holy work and holy order. So, too, when children or servants are obedient to their parents or masters, this is nothing but holiness, and whoever is found in this state, is a living saint on earth. So too a prince or sovereign, judges, officials, chancellors, clerks, man-servants, maid-servants, and all who serve them and all subjects, all this is nothing but a holy work and holy life before God, because these three institutions or orders are comprehended in God's Word and command. But whatever is comprehended in God's Word must be holy. For the Word of God is holy, and sanctifies everything that comes in contact with it.



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