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**December 31, 2020**

### 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 (Page 184)

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

Hymn of the Day: 896 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

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

Distribution Hymn: 900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Distribution Hymn: 898 "The Ancient Law Departs"

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail 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.

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

**Tiffany Snyder** (cancer)

**Ladonna Hornkohl** (cancer)

**Robbie Oelschlager** (chronic pain)

**Kelly & Quinn Rhoades**

**Acolyte Sunday, Jan. 3** - Noah Thalmann

**Ushers tonight** - \*Nathan Ohlde, John Bott, Evan Bott, & Andrew Tiemeyer

**Ushers Sunday, Jan. 3** - \*John Bott, Ryan Stuenkel, Tyler Ohlde, & Lance Gerleve

**LYF Fellowship Hour duty today** - Elijah Meier & Ryan Stuenkel

**LYF Fellowship Hour duty Jan. 3rd** - Claire Beikmann & Ryan Stuenkel

**LYF Fellowship Hour duty Jan. 10th & 17th** - Ella & Eli Thalmann

### Upcoming Events

**December 31**

7:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
(with Installation of Officers)

**January 3**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Children's Sunday School

**January 4**

7:00 p.m. Men's Club (Brad Ohlde & Doug Bott serve)

### Announcements

- \* At this time, Zion's Men's Club is planning to hold their annual Pancake Supper Sunday evening, **January 10th**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Besides those fluffy pancakes and super sausages, eggs, etc., there will be carryout and delivery in Linn.
- \* The third annual Kansas District Life Conference will be held **January 22, 2021**, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Topeka. The event begins with check-in at 9 a.m., and our keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, professor and chair of the Exegetical Department at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFV). To register, please fill in the form under the Life Ministry tab at [www.kslcm.org](http://www.kslcm.org) by Friday, January 15. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance will be capped at 65. Any questions, please call Pr. Matthew Durance at 747-2407.
- \* This week on KFUO.org, we celebrate our Savior's birth during the 12 Days of Christmas with music, prayer, scripture, and programming for the season. Hear this special programming **through January 6!**

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

This evening during the 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:

Doug Bott & Joel Voelker

#### Board of Trustees:

Clayton Bott & Chad Hiltgen

#### Sunday School Superintendent:

Diane Beikmann

#### Financial Secretary:

Darren Bott

Please keep these stewards of this congregation in your prayers.

# 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.

## 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.*

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



## Introit *(Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: 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.**

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## 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.

\* 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: *Numbers 6:22-27*

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

<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

### Epistle Reading: *Galatians 3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

### Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:21*

<sup>21</sup> 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.



## CATECHETICAL REVIEW

### An Explanation of the Small Catechism The Apostles' Creed - The Second Article *(Continued)*

#### The Savior in the State of Exaltation

##### **145. Why is Christ's resurrection so important and comforting?**

Christ's resurrection proves that

A. Christ is the Son of God;

493 **Romans 1:4** - [He was] declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.

B. His doctrine is the truth;

494 **John 2:19** - Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.

495 **John 8:28** - When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on My own but speak just what the Father has taught Me.

C. God the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice for the reconciliation of the world

496 **Romans 4:25** - [Christ] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

497 **Romans 5:10** - If, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!

498 **1 Corinthians 15:17** - If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

D. all believers in Christ will rise to eternal life.

499 **John 11:25-26** - I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.

500 **John 14:19** - Because I live, you also will live.

501 **1 Corinthians 15:20** - Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

##### **146. What do the Scriptures teach about Christ's ascension?**

They teach that 40 days after His resurrection, Christ, in the presence of His disciples, ascended bodily into the glory of His Father, to prepare a place for us in heaven.

502 **Luke 24:51** - While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.

503 **Ephesians 4:10** - He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens.

504 **John 14:2-3** - In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

505 **John 17:24** - Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory.

*Bible narrative: Christ's ascension (Acts 1:9-11).*

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and keep you;  
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NUMBERS 6:24-26

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New Year's Eve

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