

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**  
Rev. Dr. Matthew W. Rueger  
Hubbard, IA

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Church Office: 641-864-2672

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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# *To God Be the Glory!*

## THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

January 1, 2023

**HOLY COMMUNION** Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Liturgy: Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Hymns: 900, 524, 359, 366, 376, 374

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Skyler Mennenga

Ushers: Gary Winter, Steve Schnormeier

### **THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER**

Wednesday: 7:00p.m. Sr. Choir

**7:30p.m. Council Meeting**

Thursday: 6:30p.m. Men's Club

Saturday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Clean-up

**Next Sunday:** 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes  
10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Aleighia Roberts, Lorina Dykman  
Ushers: Gary Winter, Steve Schnormeier

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Lon & Rhonda Smith in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** The 2023 officers being installed today are: President-Paul Zoske; Vice-President-Matt Riese; Elder-Mike Fiscus; Financial Recorder-Danny Bradshaw; Assistant Financial Secretary-Doug Quam; Trustee-Stan Penning; Secretary-Brian Wosepka; Board of Education-Jake Winter; Sunday School Superintendent-Mick Zoske; Head Usher-Gary Winter, Steve Schnormeier; Deacon-Pastor Jay Jaeger.

**SR. CHOIR** will resume Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a council meeting held on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m.

**MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday evening at 6:30p.m. The host is Dennis Kielsmeier. We hope to see you there.

**CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP:** Saturday is our Christmas clean-up day. If interested, please meet at the church at 9:00a.m. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are ready to be picked up. They are on the stage in the fellowship hall. Please check your number on the envelopes to the number printed on the outside of your box; they should be the same

number. Also, please discard any remaining envelopes from 2022. Thank you.

**FLOWER CHART:** The new flower chart is up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please note a 2 week spot if you would like to donate flowers for the altar.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** If anyone has plastic totes that you aren't using, please consider bringing them to church to store Christmas decorations. Totes are usually on sale in the next few weeks if you would like to purchase one or two to donate. Thank you!

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS:** You have seen a couple articles in the church bulletin lately about volunteering in our church. We know it is difficult working around family agendas and the many school and community volunteerism that your family may be juggling already. What are some opportunities at church that you and your family could do that fits in with your family's busy schedule? In the next few months, check the church calendar for special events that ask for volunteers (such as putting Christmas decorations away in January); offer to train to substitute occasionally for one of our very faithful week day or Sunday School teachers; join Mission Circle, Choir and Bell Choir, Sewing Day, or Men's Club or support their special events; call a trustee and offer the talents God has given you to help make repairs that you have noticed need attention; check on the sick and homebound and take a family greeting card, art project, or baked treat if you visit; contact Bart to see if your family can spend an afternoon on a special cleaning project he might have; contact Pastor or a deacon to see if someone needs your family's help getting groceries, transportation to appointments, removing snow, or making a minor repair; consider joining a committee when a project is announced (most are a short term commitment); for

men, represent your family as the head of your household by becoming a voting member – a great way to keep your family better informed about Synod policies, worldwide mission projects and our own congregation’s activities. These are just a few suggestions that can teach a child or grandchild to be an active and willing volunteer in their church community. Most importantly, regular attendance at Sunday School and church for the whole family sets a great example for the next generation and teaches them to be bold and confident Christians who won’t be afraid to stand firm in their faith and share their love for Christ with others.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mon.-Karla Neubauer; Tues.-Mason Sheldahl; Wed.-Dr. Dennis Winter, Aleighia Roberts.

**PSALM 8**

antiphon vs.9



<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! \*  
You have set your glory above the | heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

**<sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*  
and the son of man that you | care for him?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly |  
beings\*

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

**<sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works | of your  
hands;\***

**you have put all things under | his feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and | oxen,\*

and also the beasts | of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,\*  
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**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.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

### **NUMBERS 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>23</sup>"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

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

<sup>25</sup>The Lord make His face 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 they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

*A This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **GALATIANS 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup>But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

<sup>26</sup>For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

<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 seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*A This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **LUKE 2:21-35**

<sup>21</sup>And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

<sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"),

<sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

<sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

<sup>27</sup>So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

<sup>28</sup>he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

<sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen Your salvation

<sup>31</sup>Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of  
Your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

<sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother,  
"Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many  
in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

<sup>35</sup>(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that  
the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."