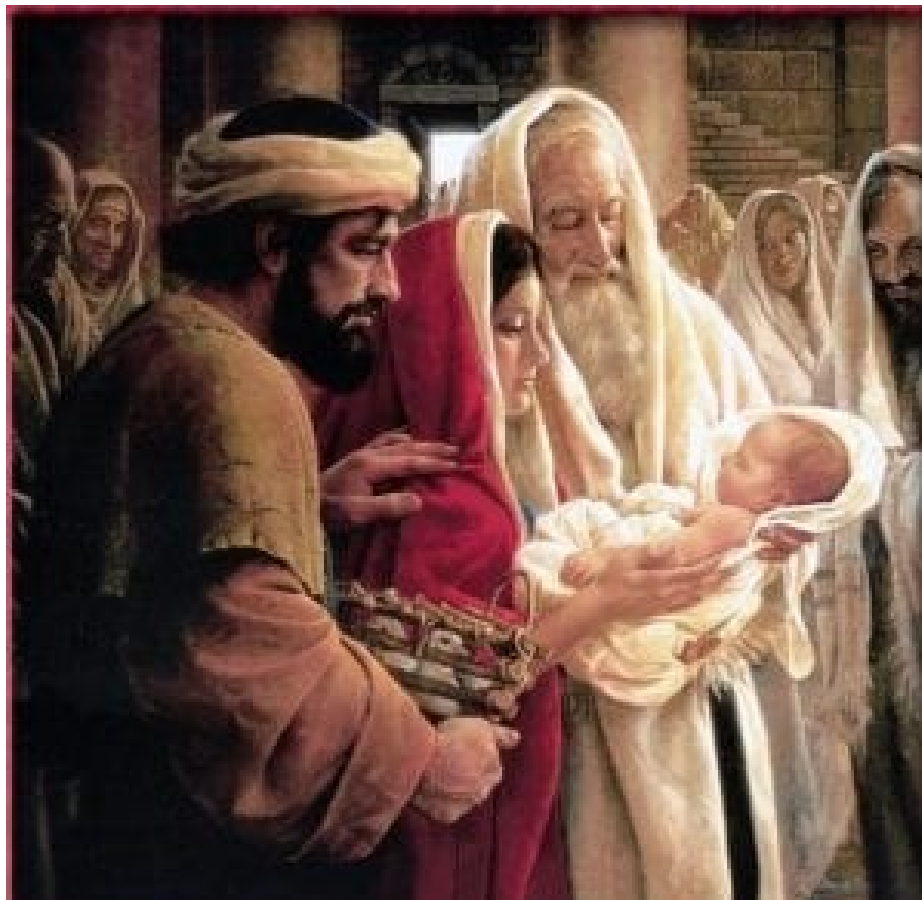


# Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2

## Presentation of Our Lord



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of  
February 2-9



<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00am Property Meeting 10:30am Fellowship & Hospitality 1:00pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Confirmation @ St. John's
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am Bible Study 10:30am Lenten Meal Planning Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00pm Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship-SS kids participate Noisy Offering



## READING BUDDIES

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Sign up in the Welcome Center to read with Wendy Merkel's kindergarten class.



**Northern Illinois Food Bank**  
Tuesday, Feb. 25th  
Sign up in the Welcome Center by February 2nd.

Offering 1/25 & 1/26	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$3,851.44	\$14,206.54
Capital Fund	\$584.91	\$1018.41
LWR Personal Care Kits	\$100.00	\$604.72
Shirley Lee Memorial	\$10.00	\$10.00
Betty Hegland Memorial	\$10.00	\$10.00
Lee McKenzie Memorial	\$10.00	\$10.00
Outreach	\$25.00	\$320.00
Worship	\$25.00	\$120.00
Memorials & Other Gifts	\$20.00	\$20.00

**THE COMMUNITY FEAST IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S!**  
FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025  
4:00-6:30PM  
COME ONE, COME ALL, COME HUNGRY!



## Prayer Requests

Marilyn Abbott	Sharon Goode	James Moris
Mary Bark	Family of Margaret Hardekopf	Lonnie Murray
Lance Davenport	Mary Ann Hulon	Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff Shelly
Marion Gaffney	Jen	Lynn Skryzpiec
Lee Gehrke	Karen	Jack Smith
Gianna	Rhea Lumsden	Jackie Wendland
Dean Gibson	Linda Martin	Susan White
Jim Gletty		

Dates to Remember		
Month	Date	Occasion
FEBRUARY	22	GROWING HOPE GALA
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHNS

## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

**P:** God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C:** Amen.

### Gathering Hymn ELW 671 Shine Jesus Shine

#### Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

#### Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

#### Prayer of the Day

**P:** Almighty and ever-living God,

**C:** **your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A:** The **First Reading** for this Presentation of our Lord weekend comes from the Book of Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1-4

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**A:** Our Psalm today is **Psalm 84**

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord of hosts!

**2 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

**3** Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

**4 Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

**5** Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**6 Those who go through the balsam valley  
will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**7** They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be <sup>l</sup> seen in Zion.

**8 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

**9** Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

**10 For one day in your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold  
of the house of my God than  
dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**11** For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
no good thing will the Lord withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O Lord of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**A:** The **Second Reading** comes from Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14-18

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

**C:** **Glory to you O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40**

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 514 O Word of God Incarnate

**Apostle's Creed**

**P:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come to judge**

**the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** ... God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**P:** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.*

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### **Offering**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Offering Prayer**

**P:** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **Dialogue**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (on screen)



## Eucharistic Prayer

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Lord's Prayer

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

**P:** The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.  
*Please be seated. The usher will direct you when to come forward for Holy Communion.*

## Holy Communion is served

**Communion Hymns** 644 Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue  
655 Rise, Shine You People

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Prayer after Communion

**A:** Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C:** **Amen.**

## Blessing

**P:** The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

## Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



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