

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
6th Weekend of Epiphany



**St. John's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Worship Services: Saturdays at 5:00pm • Sundays at 9:45am*

*Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am  
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm*

*Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of  
February 16-23



Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship 10:45 Parish Ed Meeting
Tuesday	9am-3pm, 7-9pm LWR Workday 6:30pm Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday	9am-3pm LWR Workday 6:30pm Confirmation @ St. John's
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	5:00pm Worship Growing Hope Gala
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship



Offering 2/8 & 2/9	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$1,060.00	\$20,821.54
Capital Fund	\$112.50	\$1,280.91
LWR Personal Care Kits	\$321.77	\$976.49
Sharing Pantry - Utilities	\$300.00	\$450.00
Cusco Lutheran Churches	\$67.60	\$135.20

## READING BUDDIES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

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



## COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHN'S!

**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025 4:00-6:30PM**

Sign up in the Welcome Center to help with this event.

Time slots available on Monday (24th) and Tuesday (25th)

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

Dates to Remember		
Month	Date	Occasion
FEBRUARY	22	GROWING HOPE GALA
FEBRUARY	25	READING BUDDIES
FEBRUARY	25	NI FOOD BANK
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHN'S
MARCH	5	ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH	16	SUNDAY SURPRISE POP-UP SOCIAL

## 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 W&P 116 Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

#### 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.

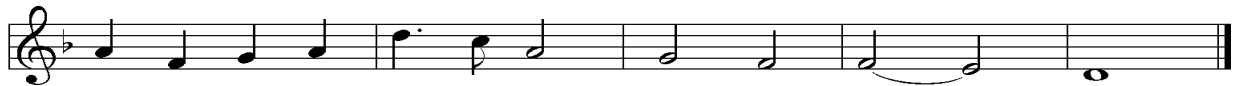
#### Kyrie



**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:*

*Please be seated.*

#### Prayer of the Day

**P:** Living God,

**C:** **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**A:** The **First Reading** for this 6<sup>th</sup> weekend of Epiphany comes from the Book of Jeremiah Chapter 17 verses 5-10

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

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

**A:** Our **Psalm** today is Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

**3** They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**5** Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**A:** The **Second Reading** comes from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 12-20

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

**Gospel: Luke 6:17-26**

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** W&P 110 On Eagle's Wings

## 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.*

## 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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff includes a 'C' symbol in a square box before the first note. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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

## 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** W&P 33 Come to the Table

W&P 67 I Love You, Lord

*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** W&P 70 I Will Call Upon the Lord

## Dismissal

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

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



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