

Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23
7th Weekend of Epiphany



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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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
Feb. 23–March 2



Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
Monday	10am Reading Buddies
Tuesday	9-11:30am NI Food Bank 4:00-6:30pm Community Feast
Wednesday	10am Stewardship & Missions Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation @ St. John's
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship

COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHN'S!

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025 4:00–6:30PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!!



Offering 2/15 & 2/16	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$4,095.00	\$24,516.54
Capital Fund	\$110.00	\$1,390.91
LWR Personal Care Kits	\$100.00	\$1,076.49
Cusco Lutheran Churches	\$111.95	\$247.15
Midwest Shelter for Homeless	\$50.00	\$50.00

DATE CHANGE!!

READING BUDDIES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

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

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	Larry Rogers
Lee Gehrke	Rhea Lumsden	Shelly
Gianna	Linda Martin	Lynn Skryzpiec
Dean Gibson		Jack & Evelyn Smith
Jim Gletty		Jackie Wendland
		Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
FEBRUARY	24	READING BUDDIES
FEBRUARY	25	NI FOOD BANK
FEBRUARY	25	COMMUNITY FEAST @ ST. JOHNS
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 ELW 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High

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.
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Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord Jesus,

C: **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 7th weekend of Epiphany comes from the Book of Genesis Chapter 45 verses 3-11 & verse 15

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our **Psalm** today is Psalm 37 verses 1-11 and 39-40

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

A: The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 35-38 and 42-50

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

G: **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 6th Chapter

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

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

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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.

G: **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,

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:



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 Hymn ELW 482 I Come with Joy

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 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Dismissal

- A:** Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C:** **Thanks be to God.**



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