

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
Second Weekend after 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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
January 19 - 26



Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship
Tuesday	9:00am-3:00pm, 7-9pm LWR Workday 9-11:30am Northern IL Food Bank
Wednesday	9:00am-3:00pm LWR Workday 6:30pm Confirmation @ Salem
Thursday	9:00am Bible Study
Saturday	5:00pm Worship
Sunday	9:45am Worship Annual Meeting after Worship



Growing Hope Globally Gala

Formal Plated Dinner Service prepared by

The Traveling Chef
\$150.00 per plate

Saturday, February 22, 2025

*See Flyer in Welcome Center for more info and to sign up by Jan. 31st.



DOOR OFFERING FOR JANUARY

The January Door Offering will be divided between the Hospitality/Fellowship and Outreach Committees. The Outreach committee is responsible for contacting guests that attend a worship service to invite them to come again and tell them we were happy to see them. The Hospitality/Fellowship Committee plans activities and outings to promote friendship and fellowship for our congregation and community.

Offering 1/11 & 1/12	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$1,996.00	\$7,357.10
Capital Fund	\$102.50	\$222.50
Cusco Lutheran Churches	\$67.60	\$67.60
Hall Usage	\$100.00	\$100.00
Personal Care	\$504.72	\$504.72
Growing Hope Globally	\$150.00	\$150.00
Outreach	\$175.00	\$175.00
Reimbursements	\$10.00	\$10.00
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$175.00	\$175.00



Prayer Requests		
Marilyn Abbott	Pastor Grafe	James Moris
Mary Bark	Family of Margaret Hardekopf	Lonnie Murray
Family of Barb Christopher	Mary Ann Hulon	Sharon Rhea's son, Jeff
Lance Davenport	Jen	Larry Rogers family
Lee Gehrke	Judy	Shelly
Gianna	Karen	Lynn Skryzpiec
Dean Gibson	Rhea Lumsden	Lynn Skryzpiec's great-nephew, Oakley
Jim Gletty	Linda Martin	Jack Smith
Sharon Goode		Jackie Wendland
		Susan White

Dates to Remember		
Month	Date	Occasion
JANUARY	26	ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY	28	READING BUDDIES
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 loving kindness. 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 641 All Are Welcome

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: Lord God,

C: **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 2nd weekend of Epiphany comes from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 62 verses 1-5

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Our **Psalm** today is Psalm 36 verses 5-10

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

A: The **Second Reading** comes from 1st Corinthians Chapter 12 verses 1-11

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. John the 2nd Chapter

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

Gospel: John 2:1-11

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 460 Now the Silence

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:

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...
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 ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

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 576 We All Are One in Mission

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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