

*Saturday, January 24th and Sunday, January 25th 2026*  
3rd Weekend after Epiphany



# St. John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**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  
Jan 25-Feb 1

Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship - Pastor Paul Gebo
Saturday	5:00pm Worship - Pastor Paul Gebo
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:45am Worship - Pastor Marilyn Hanson 10:45am Annual Meeting

## Growing Hope Globally Gala

Saturday, February 21, 2026

*The Traveling Chef*

*\$150.00 per plate*

More info in the Welcome Center



READING  
BUDDIES

**DATE CHANGE!!**

**Reading Buddies has been changed  
from January 27th to January 26th.**

**10:00 am**

Offering 1/17 and 1/18	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	\$3,933.31	\$10,908.31
Capital Fund	\$687.10	\$1,094.60
LWR Quilting Supplies	\$25.00	\$25.00
Fellowship & Hospitality	\$200.00	\$200.00



Welcome to Church

*A place to grow, serve & belong.*

*There will be a meeting to  
discuss Lenten Soup Suppers  
on Monday, January 26th at  
11:00 (after Reading Buddies)*

FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN



Thursday, March 26, 2026

2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

This will be during Spring Break so kids  
are encouraged to participate!

We will meet at and carpool from St.  
John's and leave by 12:30.

Sign up in the Welcome Center.

## Prayer Requests

Mary Bark  
Mary Carlson  
Lance Davenport  
Lee Gehrke  
Marlyn Glover  
Sharon Goode  
The Family of Donna  
Guehler

Mike Hamer  
Mary Ann Hulon  
Linda Johnson  
Rhea Lumsden  
Linda Martin  
Doris Miller  
James Moris

Lonnie Murray  
Kay Nelson  
Roger & Helen  
Larry Rogers  
Shelly  
Lynn Skryzpiec  
Lois Spizziri  
Rosemary Underwood  
Jackie Wendland  
Cindy Westbrook  
Susan White

## Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
JANUARY	25	ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY	26	READING BUDDIES
FEBRUARY	21	GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY GALA

## Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters .

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

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Mighty God, lover of justice ,

**C:** **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen .**

**P:** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✚ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

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

### Gathering Hymn ELW 582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#### 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:** **your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us Into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord . Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**A:** The **First Reading** comes from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 1-4

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

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

#### Psalm: Psalm 27 vs 1, 4-9

**A:** <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

**Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**A:** The **Second Reading** comes from 1 Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 10-18

**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. Matthew the 4th Chapter

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

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

## 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:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home .

*A brief silence.*

**A:** ... Merciful God,

**C:** **receive our prayer.**

**P:** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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

## The Peace

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

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

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

## Offering

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offering Prayer

**P:** God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:** Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that "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, say-

*ing: '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 together 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:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## **Holy Communion is served.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**A:** Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

## **Blessing**

**P:** May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

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

## **Sending Hymn ELW 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

*Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.*

## **Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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



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