

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church ***FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

January 28, 2024
"Loving People to Christ"

Welcome to God's Holy House!
**May this worship service be an uplifting and
spiritual blessing for you and your family.**

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *Gracious God and Father, we confess that we cannot come to you by our own reason or strength. So we thank you that you have come to us in Christ. Draw us to your Word and enlighten us with your Spirit, that we may be kept in the one true faith. Lead us to do your will, and to trust in your grace alone, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING ***Lutheran Service Book p. 260***

**Opening Hymn "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful
Songs" LSB 812**

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the + Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle 

LSB 261



READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the

LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as indeed there

are many “gods” and many “lords” – ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
LSB 805

Gospel Reading



Mark 1:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark at the 1st chapter.

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

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching.

²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, *“Be silent, and come out of him!”* ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Common Responsoy

LSB 263

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.


C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

The Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

Sermon Hymn  **"Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

LSB 842

Sermon *"The Authority of Jesus"* based on the Gospel

Offering We ask all members and visitors to please sign our "Friendship Folder" located at the center aisle end of each pew in the red vinyl folder. As you sign it, make sure everyone in your pew has a chance to sign it.

Prayer  We will use the responsive prayer on page **LSB 265** with the response **"Lord, have mercy."**

The Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

Collect for Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the +
Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “My Soul Rejoices”

LSB 933

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CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Mason Sanchez, Jan 28 Gary Knight, Feb 2

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CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Gary and Sheila Kilbury Feb. 4

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pastor: Pastor John Richy

Elder: Rick Zimmerman

Lector: Al Erke

Ushers: David Niven and Ron Ostrowski

Music Director: Sue Olson

Organist: Kyle Castillo

2023 contribution statements are available on the table next to the chapel.

CHURCH STATISTICS FROM JANUARY 21, 2024

Church Attn: 55 Communion: 53 Bible Study: 19

Offering Income: \$3477.00

Total Income: \$3477.00

SPRING DINNER AUCTION: Forms are now available at either church entrance for 1) merchants who wish to place an ad in our Auction Catalog and 2) donation sheet to be returned with your donated item (one half is your copy and the other is attached to your donation (or call for pick-up) and (3) sign-up sheets (pink) If you have questions, contact Tina Funchion @ 708 789-2844. You may also go to **www.stjohnschurchlansing.org** and sign up for tickets and pay online for them.

LADIES AID/LWML INVITATION: The Ladies Aid/LWML @ Peace Lutheran Church in Beecher located at 540 Oak Park Avenue is hosting a Ladies Valentine luncheon on Saturday, February 10 at 12 pm. We have a nice lunch planned along with some fun and games. All ladies are invited to attend. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by calling Valerie Lynch at 708-946-2190 by **Monday, February 5.**

ST. JOHN'S TRUSTEES SUPERBOWL PIZZA FUNDRAISER order forms are printed on the last page to tear off, or are available at either church entrance. Deadline for orders is **February 4th** and pickups are Sunday, February 11 after church service. Make checks payable to "St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church. Return order forms to the Trustees at the church entrances or drop it in their mailbox in the church office.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is now posted on the east wall of the Narthex if you wish to donate flowers for the altar (note: flowers do not go on the altar during Lent (Feb. 14 - March 21). See Eileen for details or call at 708 370-0947.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE orders are now taken for 2024 Lutheran Witness magazine issues. If you were NOT a subscriber from last year, here is your chance to order. Orders are due the end of **February 29th**. This year they are \$20.65 for 11 months. If you wish to order, either use the Lutheran Witness envelope found in the contribution envelope box you just got for 2024, or just label an envelope with your name and "Lutheran Witness." If you are writing a check, make it out to "St. John's Lutheran, Lansing", and put it in the offering plate, or drop it off in the office mailbox (put in "church secretary" slot top row).

CHURCH BRICKS If you wish to make an order, order forms ("Legacy Project") are available at either entrance. It may be a few months before we get at least 5 orders to help with shipping.

SHOP WITH SCRIPS: The Shop with Scrips (also known as Raise Right) card fundraiser is being offered EVERY MONTH. Orders are to be placed the last Sunday of the month with delivery the following Sunday. The enrollment code is A938D6FC4588. The website is **www.raiseright.com/** Questions?call Tina Funchion @ 708 789-2844 **funchionpt@comcast.net**.

LANSING FOOD PANTRY MONTH DRIVE: Don't forget that our Lansing Food Pantry donation collections go on each month. Items may be placed on the table inside the inner school doors. Last Monday of each month is the delivery.

GIVING TREE: Thank you to all who gave donations to the Giving Tree during the past weeks. Those gifts will certainly help those taken care of by the PASS house here in Lansing. Check out their services on line....
passpregnancycarecenters.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 1

6:00-7:30 pm

Confirmation (note time)

6:00 pm

Chimes practice

7:00 pm

Choir practice

Feb 4

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:15 am

Adult Bible Study

9:30 am

Worship with Holy Communion

Feb. 11

Transfiguration of our Lord

8:15 am

Adult Bible Study

9:30 am

Worship

ST. JOHN'S
Spring
DINNER
Auction
SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2024
Tickets \$ 20
DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM
DINNER AT 5 PM
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
18100 WENTWORTH AVE
LANSING IL 60438
FOR TICKETS CALL
708-895-9240

You may also go on-line to www.stjohnschurchlansing.org and purchase your tickets and sign up using our website

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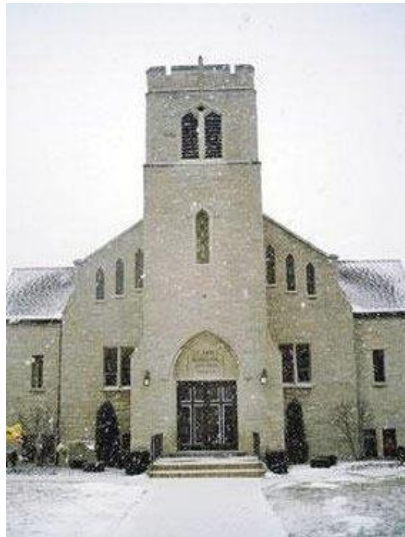
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CHURCH OFFICE *The office is open Tues - Fri, 9:00 – 2:00 pm.*

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St. John's Trustees Superbowl Pizza Fundraiser

Type	Quantity	Price	Total
Cheese		\$ 9.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
Cheese & Pepperoni		\$ 10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
Cheese & Sausage		\$ 10.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Pepperoni		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
Cheese, Sausage & Mushroom		\$ 11.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Pepperoni		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
St. John's Special (Cheese, Sausage, Mushroom & Green Pepper)		\$ 11.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
St. John's Special + Pepperoni (Cheese, Sausage, Mushroom, Green Pepper & Pepperoni)		\$ 12.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Jalapenos		\$ 0.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> Add Onions		\$ 0.50	
Total			

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Orders only accepted through: Sunday, February 4th

Pick up orders on: Sunday, February 11th after church service

Make checks payable to: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Return order form to: Trustees at church entrance or church office