Sunday, January 16, 2022 The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Celebrating 125 years
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St. John's Lutheran Church
Depew, New York

Contemporary Lutheran Worship

Welcome to
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr. –Pastor
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Weekly Schedule

Saturday Evenings, 4:30pm

Sunday Mornings, 8:30am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Contemporary)

Holy Communion—Celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Our Radio Broadcast is sponsored by:	**Flowers on the Altar are sponsored by:**
Bill, Cheryl, Ryan and Noah Boling	***The People of St. John's***
In memory of mom, grandma, Nova Hutchinson on her birthday, 1/10. In celebration of our son/brother, Noah's 18th birthday, 1/17 and for the many blessings received from God our Father.	*To the Glory of God.*

Lector: Jim Kless

Elder: Jim Kless

Altar Guild: Carol & Paige Coffed, Wendy Garbutt

Last Week's Attendance: 32

WELCOME TO ST. JOHNS! WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!!

Just a friendly reminder…. Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacramen ts. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from "regular conversation" during the service. Please refrain from cell phone use and ensure that ringers on phones are shut off before the service begins. **Please keep all food and beverage (with the exception of bottled water) out of the church/ pews**. The "mother's room" in the back of the church is available for parents with young children should the need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals in order that those utilizing the room may continue to worship. **HOLY COMMUNION -** Those who come forward to receive the Sacrament acknowledge that they have been baptized and instructed in the true meaning of the Sacrament (agreeing with the clear teaching of Christ in the Holy Scriptures as taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that His body and blood are truly present in the Sacrament and distributed to those who eat and drink offering forgiveness, life and Salvation). Those who are visiting St. John's and wish to participate in the Sacrament are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor before the service begins.

COVID-19 PROCEDURE

Out of respect for Erie County's recent mask mandate we ask that people wear masks while worshipping or while occupying the facility. Please make every effort to utilize the sanitizer positioned throughout the building. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms or any other illness symptoms we kindly ask that you stay home and take advantage of our "live" online worship at www.sjlcdepew.com

OPENING SONG……..…..… "Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)" LW #88

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray together the prayer of the day.
C: Lord God, 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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by

a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter verses 1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten

Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG OF THE DAY……..…… "Everything Cries Holy"

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY…….……..…….... "Rejoice Always"

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy C: Hear our prayer.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: Drink of it all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious heavenly Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing in the witness of his resurrection, we

await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord's true body and blood with a living faith as He comes to us in his supper.

C: **Amen.**

P: And now, we pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord go before you to show you the way . Behind you to encourage you. Beside you to be your friend. Above you to watch over you . And within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

CLOSING SONG…….. "How Can I Keep From Singing"

SENDING

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER LIST

Heather Kaplan; Diane Smith, Leigh Cwiklinski, Arlene Fragale, Marsha McKinney, Greg Yaskow, Mike Durning, Pat Schlebus, Shirley Christ, Jim Brennan, Kathy Beck, Rose Kirsch, Frank Walczak, Gail Kelm, Barbara Geitter, Cindy Capello, Donna Murawski, Irmgard Hartung, Richard Vogel, Sue Bluhm, Dawn Walczak, Darlene Schwenk, Rose Mondo, Wendy Garbutt, Pat McGloin, Anne Bovo., Paul Pijacki, Shirley Christ, Carmi Delconte, The Steven Plewik family (COVID), Ed Afterbuffalo

OUR SERVICE MEMBERS: USAF Major William Borowski (stationed at Pentagon); Travis Kilanowski.

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Frank (nephew of Ed & Delores Mau); Janette (sister of John Preston); Paul (brother of Kathy Ponosny); Jackie (niece of Harold Hutchinson); Dennis (Friend of John & Nancy Sweeney); Betty Kilanowski (Colleen Kilanowski's mother-in-law); Felicia (Friend of Kathy Ponosny); Bonnie (Friend of Cheryl & Bill Boling); Joe (Cousin of Betty Cavaleri); Hank (Tom & Sue Bluhm's cousin); Vernon Floyd (Toni & Bob chapman's son-in-law); Steve and family (Friend of Karen Rutkowski).

New prayer requests and concerns may be emailed to: prayerchain@sjlcdepew.com. "Friends of St. John's" will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks without further notification. If you would like to keep a prayer listed after 4 weeks, please contact us at that time by phone or email (683-3947 / secretary@sjlcdepew.com). Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Mon. 1/17	Tue. 1/18	Wed. 1/19	Thu. 1/20	Fri. 1/21	Sat. 1/22	Sun. 1/23
Office Closed		*Office Closed* *7p-Choir* *8p-A.A.*	6p-Café	*Office Closed*	4:30p-worship 8p-A.A.	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:30a– Worship 10a—Sunday School 11:15a-Worship Beardi Baptism

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Baptized Believers 510
Confirmed Believers 402

Year to Date through December 2021

Budget…….$263,596
Giving……..$247,061
Expenses…... $239,399
$11,662

Broadcast Sponsorship
Radio Sponsorship…… $12,991
Radio Expense……....$9,540
$3451.

Radio Broadcast Ministry

Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM & 95.5 FM
11am Sundays
$180/Full Sponsorship—$45/Partial Sponsorship

Upcoming Sponsorships

1/23 Open
1/30 Deutschlander
2/6 Open
2/13 Hensel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Spaghetti Dinner—Friday, February 25th at 6pm. Sign up Sheet on Bulletin Board. Limit of 50 attendees.