Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2025



"Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People"

The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

Prelude

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

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

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



Kyrie LSB 168

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155



Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. Almighty Father, everlasting God, who has made radiant in the beauty of holiness Your church, which was bespoiled by sin, we give You thanks for sending forth Your own Son to rescue His Bride by the riches of His mercy and for restoring Your church that we may rejoice and be glad all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and to the end of the ages.
- C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



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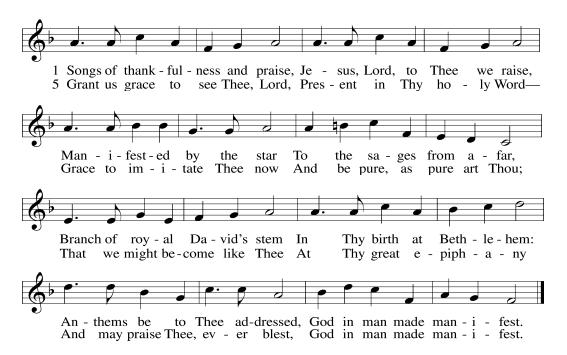
Holy Gospel John 2:1–11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon

"That's a Strange Wedding Gift"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ⊤ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy... "Congregation responds, "Hear our Prayer".

Offering

Offertory Prayer

- P Let us pray: Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

A word about Holy Communion

We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

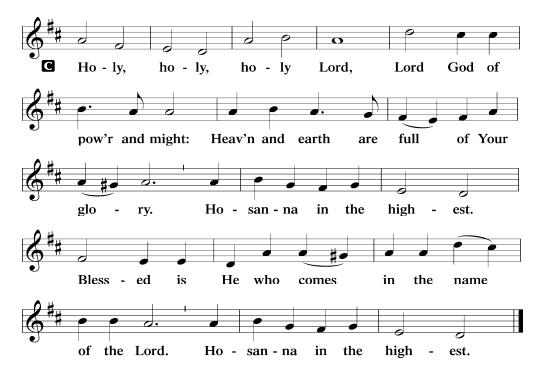
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 178



The Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

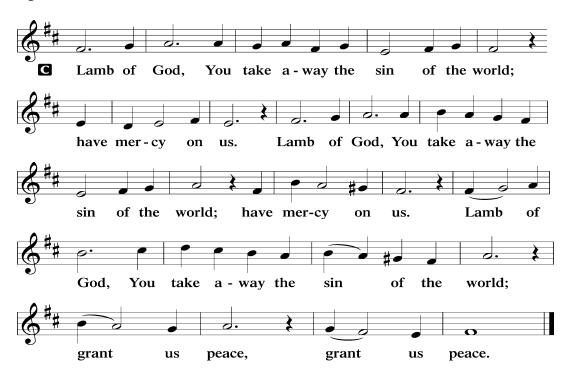
Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

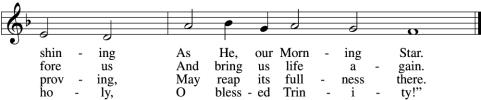
(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei LSB 180













Closing of the Table

Post Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord" \mathbf{C} Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let who seeks the Lord ev - 'ry-one re bear His name. joice and proud - ly He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

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Post-Communion Collect

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P Let us pray. 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 in 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.

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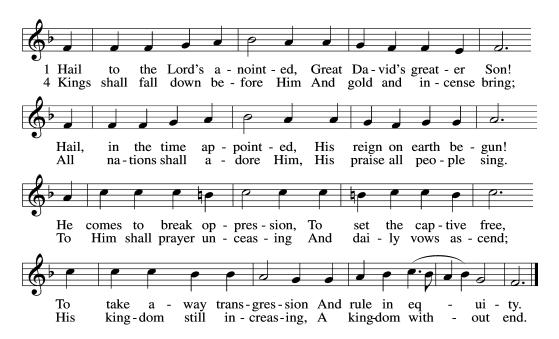
C Amen.

Small Groups Minute

Announcements

Benediction

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Dismissal

- P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....
- C Disciples making disciples.
- P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!



January 25, 2025 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Discovering Life with God is an all-inclusive one-day class that serves as the Lutheran adult confirmation instruction for some and a spiritual "jump start" for others. All are welcome!

January 25, 2025 Rock the Universe - High School Youth will travel to Universal Studios for the largest Christian music festival in Florida!

January 28, 2025 Grief Share 7:00- 9:00 PM GriefShare is a grief recovery support group that provides a safe space for people to learn how to cope with grief, share their experiences, and gain support.

January 27 – January 31 2025 – Lutheran Schools Week!

February 2, 2025 Bounce House Sunday. Come to celebrate the culmination of Lutheran School week

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School for children and youth: 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM



