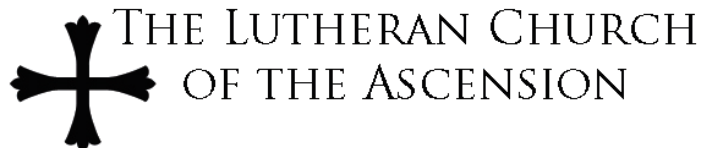


Epiphanytide

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Sunday of the Wedding in Cana



MAKING CHRIST KNOWN
Truth, Beauty, Goodness

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that "the mountains shall drip sweet wine" (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The "back" of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to "love one another with brotherly affection . . ." and to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Rom. 12:6–16).

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JANUARY 16, 2022 SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

UAC XXIV: *Retinetur enim missa apud nos et summa reverentia celebratur.*



PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 394

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed-ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

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

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Eighth Commandment:

- *Do I speak the truth or have I lied in any way?*
- *Do I gossip or take pleasure in talking about the faults and mistakes of others?*
- *Do I uphold and defend the name and reputation of others?*
- *Have I judged others without being duly authorized to do so?*
- *Have I gladly and willingly found ways to explain in the best way the words or actions of those who hurt me?*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: Psalm 66:4; 92:1



- L** All the earth worships you and sings your prais- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
It is good to give thanks | to LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
- L** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- C** Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*" **So great is your power that your enemies comes cringing | to you.**
- L** All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name."
- C** Come and see what | God has done:*
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
- L** Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!



- L** All the earth worships you and sings your prais- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
It is good to give thanks | to LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are indicated by a common time signature 'C' and a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in bold. The score consists of 12 lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
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art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 9:11-15

A The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from Amos, chapter nine.

A ¹¹ "In that day I will raise up
the booth of David that is fallen
and repair its breaches,
and raise up its ruins
and rebuild it as in the days of old,
¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom
and all the nations who are called by my name,"
declares the LORD who does this.

¹³ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.
¹⁵ I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,"
says the LORD your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 107:20-21



- L** He sent out his word and | healed them,*
and delivered them from their de- | struction.
- C** Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

EPISTLE

Romans 12:6-16

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter twelve.
- A** ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
- ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 148:2



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P 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."

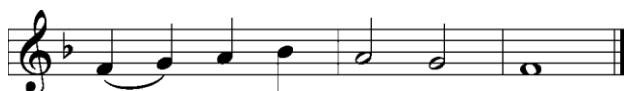
⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

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.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

"When Christ says of the bread, "This is My body, which is given for you," they say, "This is not His body, which was given for you, but it is a reminder of His far-absent body." We cannot allow the great treasure to be stolen from us which Christ bequeathed in His testament—His true body with which we were redeemed, and His precious blood with which we were washed from our sins—and put mere symbols in their place."

Timotheus Kirchner (1533 - 1587)

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.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P What is the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P What does this mean?

C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P How is God's will done?

C God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Sitting

"But if the blood [of the Old Testament sacrifices] was but a type [of Jesus' blood] and had such power, if death so shuddered at the shadow, tell me how would it not have dreaded the very reality? The blood [of Christ] is the salvation of our souls. By it the soul is washed, is beautiful, and is inflamed! This blood causes our understanding to be brighter than fire and our soul more beaming than gold. This blood was poured forth and opened heaven."

St. John Chrysostom (c. 347 – 407)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 402

"The Only Son from Heaven"

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
 Δ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

OFFERING

Herr Christ, Der Einig Gottes Sohn

Johann Gottfried Walther

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the Person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, preserve Your Son's Bride, the Church. Make it her constant joy and delight to preach the Good News of forgiveness in her Savior to poor sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You rule this world by Your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, we bring before You the sick, distressed and needy [*especially* _____]. Give Your abiding comfort in every circumstance, that in Christ we shall not die, but live and declare His works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



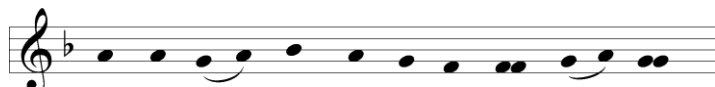
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

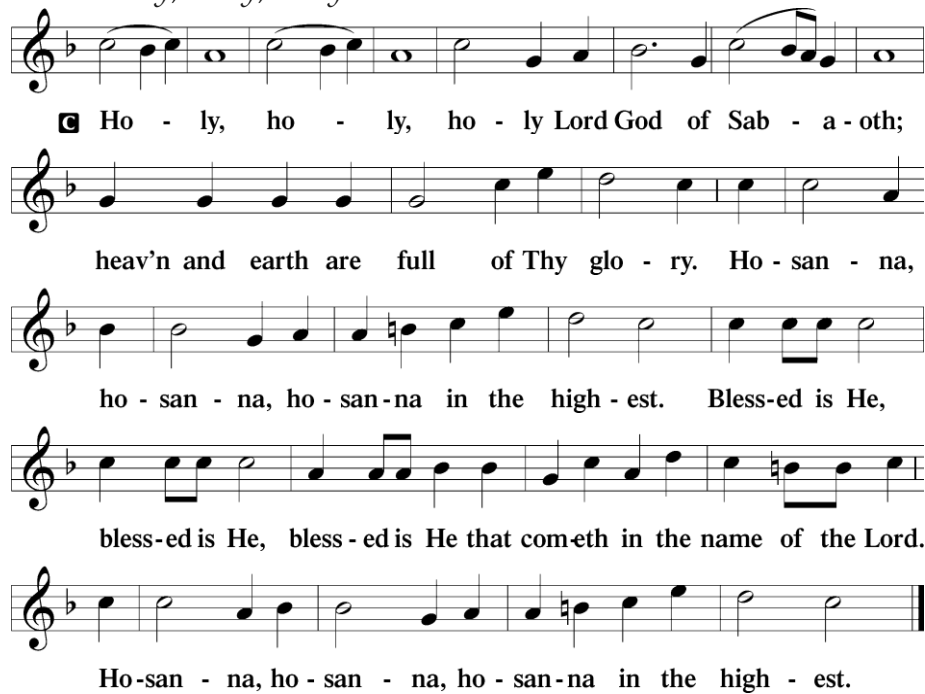


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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.

“Christian soul, here is the strength of your salvation; here is the cause of your freedom; here is the price of your redemption. You were a captive, but you have been redeemed; you were a slave, but are made free. And so, an exile, you are brought home; lost, you are reclaimed; and dead, you are restored to life. This let your heart taste, O man, this let it suck, this let it swallow, while your mouth receives the body and blood of your Redeemer. In this present life make this your daily bread, your nourishment, your support in pilgrimage. For by means of this, this and nothing else, you remain in Christ and Christ in you, and in the life to come your joy shall be full.”

St. Anselm of Canterbury (c. 1033 – 1109)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.
A A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 408

"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where Christ is hon-ored guest.
2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a - part.
3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids wa - ter turn to wine.
4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine sup - plied
5 For now He lives and reigns Through all e - ter - ni - ty

He wel-comes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
No long - er can it sat - is - fy The yearn-ing, thirst-ing heart.
He fills our emp - ty cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the cru - ci - fied.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

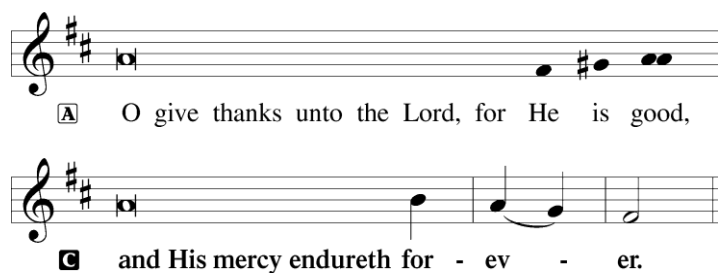
Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



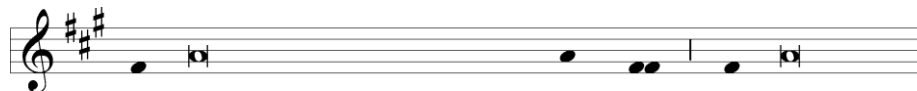
A Bless we the Lord.



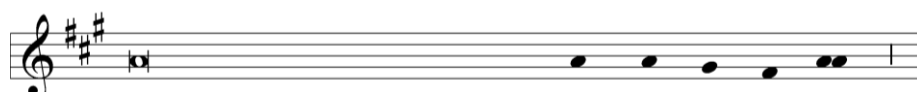
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

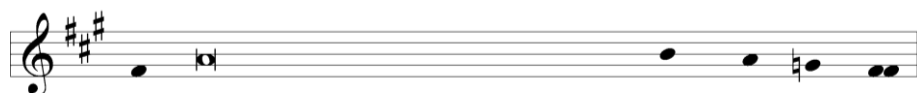
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 822

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

POSTLUDE

Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Christoph Bach

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Altar Guild

Jill Drachenberg/Jeni Miller

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Mark Saldaña

Greeter(s)

TBD

Fellowship Host(s)

The Schoellen family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Elder*

Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Violinist

Briana Darden

Altar Guild

Caitlin East/Linda Rathje

Usher(s)

Brian Beckman/Greg Ison

Greeter(s)

TBD

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 1/16	Second Sunday after the Epiphany Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Lutheranism 101</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 1/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 1/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 1/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 1/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 1/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 1/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 1/23	Third Sunday after the Epiphany Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Lutheranism 101</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Book Club: <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following worship 3:30 PM



✝ **Adult Bible Study: *Lutheranism 101***

Theme: What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or are just curious about the Lutheran church—this book is for you! Conversational and fun to flip through, this reference guide helps you easily get to know theology basics in a way that won't make your brain hurt.

Inside this second edition, sections on topics such as:

- Marriage ("What God Has Joined Together")
- Justification ("All that Jesus Did As Our Savior")
- Prayer
- The works of unbelievers
- Early Lutheranism
- End times predictions

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ **Book Club: *The Picture of Dorian Gray***

Theme: From the back cover: *"In true Faustian tradition Oscar Wilde's The Picture of Dorian Gray tells the tale of a young man who sells his soul to the devil in return for youthful immortality, only to discover that the 'devil's bargain' is no bargain at all. 'What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' When Dorian Gray is asked this question he knows the answer. He has learned his lesson the hard way and has destroyed the lives of others into the bargain. The moral is inescapable, making The Picture of Dorian Gray more than merely a classic of Victorian literature. It is a classic of Christian literature also."*

Day & Time: Sunday, January 23 at 3:30 PM

Location: Pastor Miller's home (see Church Directory)



✦ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

✦ Project Joseph

Theme: God's servant Joseph was given the responsibility of storing up food to provide for his people during the course of a seven-year famine in Egypt. Seeing empty shelves and facing a supply chain crisis, there's the possibility of a shortage in our time. We wish to take care of our brothers and sisters in need at Ascension by keeping a stock of supplies should hard times hit. If you would like to contribute to a congregational food pantry (also includes toiletries and household items), you may drop off your donations in the church office. Should items go unused, all will be donated to Stepping Stone Mission before the expiration date. If you would like to volunteer the management of this food pantry, or would like to learn more about how Thrivent Financial will grant their members gift cards toward such a project, please see the Evangelism Chair, Jason Schoellen, for more details: jasonschoellen@comcast.net.

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

Birthdays

✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

✝ Sudan

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Unborn daughter of Isaac & Bekah Beckman
- ✝ Mary Huntoon (sister of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ John Morr (uncle of J.P. Morr)
- ✝ Barbara Stanford (friend of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Unborn daughter of Evan and Rebekah Woolery (granddaughter of the Woolerys)

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

✝ Steve Zitterich (uncle of Christina Schoellen)

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Mary Greene (neighbor of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Bob & Sue Husby (parents of Whitney Worthington)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)
- ✝ Michael Ocepek (brother-in-law of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Bill Vester

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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