

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 10 AM**

**WELCOME**



The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

- ✝ Preacher – Chaplain Liz Lahti-Rosensaft
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. So often we ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: ELW#302 – As With Gladness Men of Old**

**Prayer of the Day** - 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.**

**GOD'S HOLY WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You 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. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.



The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**



## HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 2:1 - 11; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

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

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**SERMON – Give Jesus Your Weakness and He Will Give You His Strength**

**Chaplain Liz Lahti-Rosensaft**

**HYMN: ELW#510 – Word of God Come Down to Earth**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, hear **our prayer**.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. Grace those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud)*. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Spirit of peace, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive these gifts we offer. Grant that our whole lives may give you glory and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus the Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages, to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He fulfilled all your will. He stretched out his hands in suffering, in order to free from suffering those who trust in you. As he was born to die, you raised him from death to life, so that we too know that we shall be raised from death to life.

We therefore remember that he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And in the same way, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.



Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. And unto that time, we come before you praying;

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion** – The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!

### COMMUNION HYMN 1: Jesus, Name above all Names

Jesus name above all names	Jesus, loving Shepherd	Praise him, Lord above all lords,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord	Vine of the branches, Son of God	King above all kings, God's only Son
Emmanuel, God is with us	Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor	The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit
Blessed Redeemer living Word.	Lord of the universe, Light of the world.	Comes to live in us, Savior and Friend

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### COMMUNION HYMN 2: In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  | 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In your church, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In our song, Lord, be glorified today | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;<br>In your world, Lord, be glorified today.   |

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**Closing Prayer** - Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

**Blessing** – The Spirit of the triune God ✝ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN: ELW#314 - Arise Your Light Has Come

#### Song of Blessing

May God’s blessing surround you each day,  
As you trust God and walk in God’s way.  
May God’s presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Live in Hope. **Thanks be to God.**

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