

January 19, 2025 Second Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

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WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered at the **8:00 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

Before communion (communing): Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament): Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

+ Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+Guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ **Children, Teens, and Adults** who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ Alcohol-Free White Wine is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ **Gluten-Free wafers** are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ Communion at the pew is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

AS WE GATHER

In the order for marriage, we affirm that marriage on earth is the picture of the union between Christ, the bridegroom, and the church, His Bride. Nowhere is this made plainer than in the place Jesus chose to perform His first miracle, changing water into wine. This shows the delight of the Lord, not simply for a wedding reception or even one couple who begins their life together, but also to marry us with His grace. The Lord rejoices to clothe His church with the perfect white robes of righteousness and to present her pure and spotless. We are no more forgotten or forsaken; the Lord has made us radiant in the beauty of His holiness. This is the context for a seemingly hidden miracle in Cana of Galilee.

Prelude Welcome/Announcements **Ringing of the Bell**

Opening Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me, Since my Baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ! Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed. Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled, And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness, To inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes, Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine, To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing, To this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise! Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756; tr. Robert E. Voelker, 1957

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Invocation/Confession & Absolution

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

Late Service: Baptism and Adult Confirmation of Shaylee Seng

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.

Service of the Word

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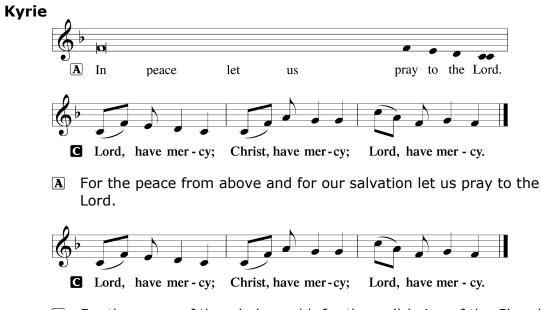
Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4

- [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.
- **O** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.
- How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

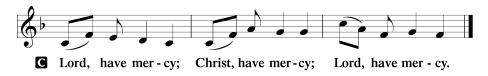
They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

- **G** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.
- 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.

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.



■ 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.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- 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.

G Amen.

Sit

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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** 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.

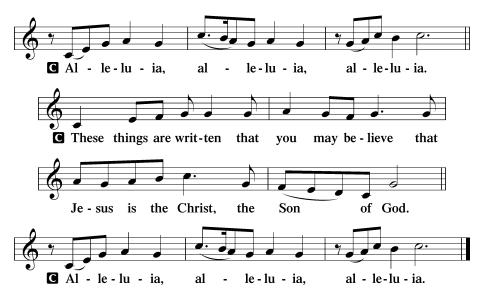
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 2:1–11

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

G 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 10 and 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 to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

 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 T everlasting. Amen. Sit

Hymn of the Day: 402 The Only Son from Heaven

- The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears. No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining As He, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn! He comes, the king anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born, Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us And bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken, To know and love You more, In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore, That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving, May reap its fullness there.
- 4 O Father, here before You, With God the Holy Ghost And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host: Before You mortals lowly, Cry, "Holy, holy, holy, O blessèd Trinity!"

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Sermon

The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

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Prayer of the Church

10:30 AM service concludes as follow

The Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Benedicamus

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ Let us bless the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

G Amen

Sit

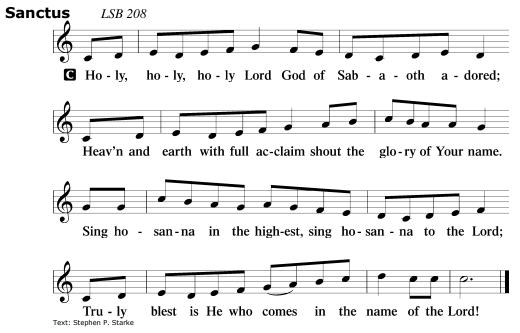
Closing Hymn: 862 Oh, Blest the House (page 17)

Silent Prayer Postlude

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **①** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

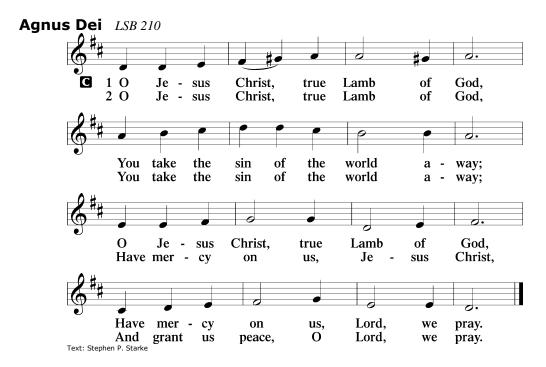
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution of the Elements

Distribution Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him. For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure; But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
 Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered: Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
 With the choicest wine of heaven
 Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,

Let me gladly here obey You.

By Your love I am invited,

Be Your love with love requited;

- By this Supper let me measure,
- Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 - Through the gift of grace You give me

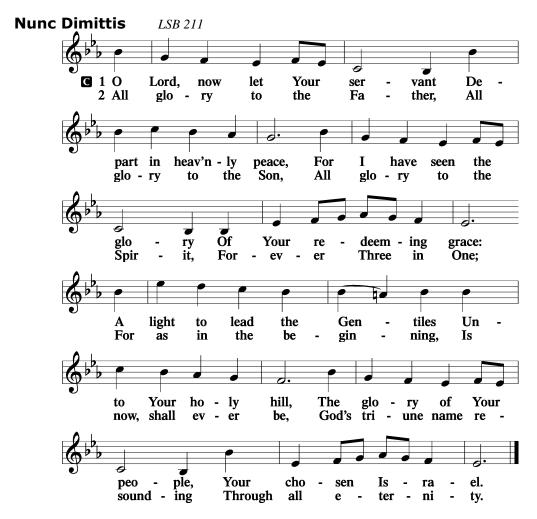
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Distribution Hymn: 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

- Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid, Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Your joys on humankind; From sin and sorrow set us free; May we Your living temples be.
- 2 O Source of uncreated light, The bearer of God's gracious might, Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire; Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us as we sing.
- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high; Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply; Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe; Give us Yourself that we may see The glory of the Trinity.
- 4 Immortal honor, endless fame Attend the_almighty Father's name; The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died; To You, O Paraclete, we raise Unending songs of thanks and praise. Text: Public domain

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- G Amen.
- Sit

Closing Hymn: 862 Oh, Blest the House

- Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
 A home that is not wholly His— How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound; They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!
- Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell, And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say: Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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Silent Prayer Postlude

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