

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee

JOHN 2:11



Second Sunday After Epiphany January 15 & 16, 2022

AS WE GATHER

On the second Sunday of each Epiphany season, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ sent by God is grounded in the Gospel of John, who gives us the deepest insight into the goal of our Lord's entire earthly ministry. We hear of water and wine and the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we are made the Church, the Bride of Christ. In Holy Communion, wine bears the blood of Christ's cross to us, the price of our forgiveness and deliverance. Now the same Spirit who empowered Jesus all along the way of the cross empowers us. The one Spirit enables each of us to love God and one another in a united worship of God and a variety of service and care for one another. "The faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14) overflow in us who already now celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb and His kingdom, which has no end.

REGARDING COMMUNION

Epiphany means "the manifesting" or "showing forth." Jesus was made known as God in flesh by the descent of the Holy Spirit and voice of the Father when baptized, as well as through the miracles of healing he did for the ill and suffering. We come to our Lord's Table as a people baptized into the name of the Holy Triune God ... as Christians who desire to continue in the faith and life of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus makes himself known to us still as we gather at the altar to receive his body and blood in the bread and wine for our forgiveness and healing and strength. Then we go forth to make him known to others in word and witness. Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.

Liturgical Color:

Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PreludeSchmillerwoods (Sat), Jerrode Marsh (Sun) Welcome Invocation Hymn" "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing", #409 1 Hail, Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther our 2 Once off but now in - vit - ed, ap - proach Your far We 3 Hail, vit - ing \mathbf{O} all - in Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, race! Your hu - man In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed. sa - cred throne, In Rec - on of - f'rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus a place. Grate-ful now, we be-fore You, courts ob - tain fall re-deemed, made one. ciled. Now re-vealed to east ern sa - ges, Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, and spir - it, soul, live. In Your Church re - ioice to See Your glo -See the Star shine, Mys - t'ry of Mer - cy hid in Glo - rious realms Live de - vot ed to Your praise, of Thank - ful a - dore You, for and the grace You Mvs - t'rv great of di - vine. for mer a - ges, love bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems raise. ev er

Divine Service, Setting Four Service of the Word

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Stand

Invocation

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

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered . . . 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, merciful Father, . . .through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Entrance Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", #649



4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;

5 From sor-row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



kin - dred minds Is The fel-low-ship of like to that a bove. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares. And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear. Yet, one in Christ and one in heart. We hope to meet a gain. And per-fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni tv. Text and tune: Public domain

Kyriepage 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria In Excelsis.....page 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;

2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;

3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.





We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation.....page 205

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Collect of the Day(spoken in unison)

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. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 62:1-5

For 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.
The 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.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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.

For 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.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual.....(spoken in unison)

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading...... 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore 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.

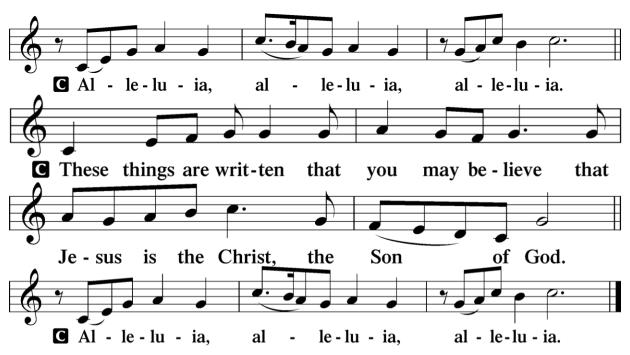
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All 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.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Versepage 205



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

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When 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 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." This, 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed page 206

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,

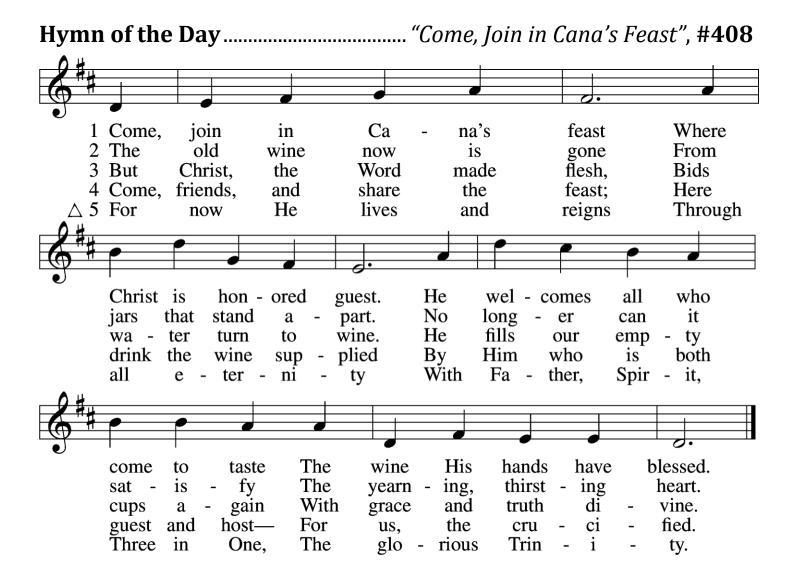
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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.



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Sit

Sermon"Wine of Rejoicing from Water Standing By"

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Offering

Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west entrance.

"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good & to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 208-210 $[\mathbf{P}]$ The Lord be with you. \mathbf{C} And also with you. \mathbf{P} Lift up your hearts. \mathbf{C} We lift them to the Lord. $[\mathbf{P}]$ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise. \mathbf{C} It is truly good, right, and beneficial . . . evermore praising You and saying: ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth C Ho - lv. a - dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord; Tru - lv blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Christ. 10 Je sus Lamb of God. true Je -Christ, Lamb of God, sus true 0. You take the sin of the world way; a -You take the of world sin the a way; \mathbf{O} Je sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

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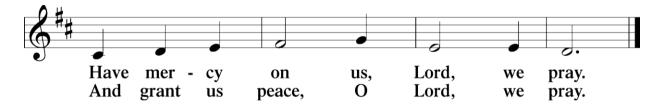
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Communion Distribution

Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing).

Congregational Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face", #631 (Sunday Only)



5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Instrumental Music for Reflection

Stand

Post Communion Canticle......" "Nunc Dimittis" page 211





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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

- P Grow in Christ,
- C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

PostludeSchmillerwoods (Sat), Jerrode Marsh (Sun)

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Next week's readings:

1st: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Attendance Last Saturday: 11	Attendance Last Sunday: 69
Total Offering: \$5,745.00	Missions: \$200.00
Home Use: \$4,845.00	Benevolences: \$700.00

Serving us today:

Elders	Jack Easterwood (Sat), Willie Crespo, Alan Miller (Sun)
Musicians	Paula Easterwood, Lorraine Miller, Roy Schache (Sat)
	Jerrode Marsh (Sun)
Altar Committee	Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Karon Harding,
	Esther Keseman, Georgia Luker
Flower Committee	Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Monday		Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Mission Board Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom-Epiphany Bible Class
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship
	6:45 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at
		www.blchurch.com, under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Rooted in the Faith, Adult Catechesis

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Marion & Leona Droege, Renae Ernesti (Charlene McCarter's niece), Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Heather Long (Carol Kurz's niece), Lynn Lowe, Ron Niemeyer, Pam Petersen (Peggy Hoyer's sister), Judy Pierce, Jim Rudy, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown's daughter & son-in-law) and Caitlin and Eric Hulshizer. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday's Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School for PreK-12th **grade begins at 9:15 a.m**. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Saturday Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew follows the evening service (from **6:45 to 7:30 p.m.** in the conference room) if enough people are present to have a class. Consider joining us as we explore the life and ministry of Jesus.

Sunday Bible Study is working through the recent book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation*, as well as through companion passages in Scripture, so that we can all more firmly believe and live through Christ's own life,

death, and resurrection. Plan to join us in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.!

Wednesday Bible Study is exploring some of the short "J" books of the Bible for January. Join us in the conference room from 10:30 to noon this as we look a bit more at Jude and then see what Jonah has to do with us.

Thursday Advent Zoom Bible Study. "Epiphany 2022" will be a new Zoom Bible study class coming after the first of the year. We will be discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This Bible study focuses on the Scripture readings for each Sunday. The class will be on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** and run through March 10. Please let Rebecca or Cindy know if you would like to join.

Fellowship

The Merry Widows and Friends Luncheon for January 20th has been cancelled. They do plan on getting together in February!

Exercise Class is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m**. (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

Trinity Lutheran Alma Men's Club invites you to a Pitch Party on **Sunday, January 16**, in the school cafeteria. A light lunch will be served beginning at **5:00 pm**, with cards following at 6:00 pm. All are invited. For any questions, contact Rodney Roepe at 660-238-1894, or Larry Becker at 660-641-3669.

Trinity Alma Men's Club Pancake Supper will be held on **Sunday, January 30**, in the school cafeteria, serving **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Free-will donation will go towards Lutheran Campus Ministries, Trinity Youth Group and Trinity Men's Club.

Country Kitchen Cards are available! You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

Offerings

Simply Giving is the online program for donations and offerings. The website has changed a bit recently. If you need assistance, please let the office know and we will provide you with the steps to start it or help you change where you place your funds.

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.