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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “the first of his signs” by which He “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “hour,” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “Jesus is Lord,” and they return thanks to Him “in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

Order of Worship
Service of Prayer and Preaching LSB 260

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪Opening Hymn: “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
 Your dwelling place now make us.
 Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
 To joy and gladness wake us
 That we may be Truly living,
 To You giving Prayer unceasing
 And in love be still increasing.**
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, That in our hearts from this good hour
 As fire it may be glowing,
 That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
 Your glory ever showing.
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;
 Let our preaching And our labor
 Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
 In us be strongly burning
 That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,
 From You true wisdom learning.
 Your grace and peace On us shower;
 By Your power Christ confessing,
 Let us see our Savior’s blessing.**

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Stand

Opening Versicles

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

♪ Entrance Hymn: “Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

LSB 408 v. 1-3

1 **Come, join in Cana’s feast Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.**

2 **The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.**

3 **But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.**

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Readings From Holy Scripture

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.

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Holy Gospel

John 2:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to 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.

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Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: “The Only Son from Heaven”

LSB 402

**1 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.**

**Δ4 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 blessed Trinity!”**

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Sermon “Saving The Best For Last”

Pastor Erik

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♪ Hymn of Response: “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

LSB 399 sts. 4–5

- 4 **And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.**
- 5 **For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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Prayer

LSB 265

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collect of the Day

- P** 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.

Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that
You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You
would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life
may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul,
and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Blessing

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless
and preserve you.
- C** Amen.

Sit

♪Closing Hymn: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

LSB 917

- 1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

- 2 **Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.**
- 3 **Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.**
- 4 **Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Jerry Echtenkamp, Johnny Lempke, Dwight Mock, Brayden Wehrer, Leanne Centrone, Stacy Kai, Alan Thomsen, Pam Nolte, Kevin Anderson, Lowell Heggemeyer, Anthony Munson, Theresa Lubberstedt, Vickie Greve, Delvin Mikkelsen, Grady Van Cleave, Ben Lilienkamp, Josh Ruwe & Haley Brogren

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian & Lori Bebee

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$5,703.

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. **Bookbags have been updated with seasonal material. Pick one up to see the fun new material.** Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: The LYF is collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the youth group. Please place the cans you donate in the small shed on the west side of the alley behind the preschool. Please put your cans in **tied plastic garbage bags (No paper bags)** and **NO BOTTLES! ALUMINUM CANS ONLY, NO OTHER TYPE OF ALUMINUM.** The youth appreciate your effort in helping to raise money and also helping to clean up the environment!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we study "The Passion Prediction." In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "**Caught**" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus' words and story, even more so. **Lutheran Hour sponsors are needed for 2022. The cost is \$20. Call the church office to reserve your special date.**

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Today in our overview study of the Gospel of John we will be in John 10 as Jesus uses shepherd imagery to convey the nature of his relationship with His people. Join us for this study of one of the most comforting and beautiful chapters of the Bible at 9:15 in the church basement.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: First Samuel is a book filled with action, adventure, and mystery. This week we will deal with one of the more mysterious sections of the book in chapter 28 and Saul's interaction with the witch of Endor. Join us at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The project replacing the sanctuary and basement fellowship area air conditioning units has begun. Through January 2, \$23,563 has been donated toward this project's estimated \$80,000 total cost. Thank you for your generous support. Gifts for purpose can be marked "AC replacement"

FAMILY COMMUNION: With the persistent health concerns relating to COVID, we will be resuming the weekly small group communion services on Saturday at 4 p.m. These slightly shorter and more informal services use increased health precautions and provide a worship opportunity for those working on Sunday morning.

SPRING SEMESTER SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: The Spring Schedule for our College Sunday Night Dinners has been posted on the church door. Please take a few seconds to consider signing up to cover one of these meals. I know that our college students truly appreciate the love! Have a wonderful day!

7TH GRADE Thru HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN: Calling all 7th Graders thru High School Seniors! Friday January 21st from 5:30pm to 8am on Saturday January 22nd we will have a youth Lock-In here at church! Come join us for an awesome night of games, devotions, servant event projects, and movies! We are going to have a blast, learn a lot, and grow together in God's love! Be sure to invite your friends and bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and if you have it a blow-up air mattress if you would like to get some sleep during the night.

WEDNESDAY EVENING HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: All High Schoolers are encouraged to join us for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship this Wednesday, January 19th, from 7:45pm to 8:45pm at Cup of Grace. Join us as we dive into God's word, learn more about His great LOVE for us as His Children, and for some fun and games! Invite all of your friends too!

MIDWEEK CLASSES: All 3rd Grade thru 8th Grade youth are encouraged to participate in our weekly Bible Studies. These again take place Wednesday's from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If for some reason the school is closed, we will also not hold class that evening. Again, invite your friends and family to join us. All are welcome!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The 2021 annual giving statements for those who make use of offering envelopes have been generated and are in your church mailbox. Any statements not picked up by the end of the month will be mailed via USPS. As you review your statement for accuracy, please contact the church office or Jeannette Swanson if there are errors or questions. Thank you all for your faithful support of the Lord through your tithes and offerings.

CHECK IT OUT: The non-fiction section of the Church Library has been energized with the following new books:

“Joining Jesus On His Mission-How to Be an Everyday Missionary” shows how to be on a mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools. We all know we should do this, and this book gives you some very practical tips for getting started. MIS/FIN

Stories of gender reassignment surgeries, drag queen story hours and the restroom debate dominate headlines around the world. “The Gender and Marriage War” gives godly answers to all the raging questions in our culture. Whether you are a student, parent, Christian leader, or just a concerned Christian, get equipped to better understand these issues and come away with the Christian perspective. CON/HOD

“Answers-Family Bible Devotional” is a down-to-earth approach for having family devotional time in your home in 15 minutes or less. This unique 5-book series takes your family on a chronological journey through the entire Bible in less than a year. Each book features 40 devotionals which your family can read and discuss going at your own pace. The individual reader can benefit from these books also. The authors have written these devotionals with our everyday lifestyle in mind. DEV/WIL

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ELDER ON DUTY: Mike Heithold (8:00) Jared Heithold (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Grady Van Cleave & Payton Junck (8:00)

Reese Rethwisch & Lanee Rethwisch (10:30)

LAY READER: Lowell Schardt (8:00) Galen Wiser (10:30)

GREETERS: Jaret & Nicole Harmer (8:00)

Galen & Kathy Wiser (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Keith & Karen Knudsen

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 pm.	Worship
MONDAY	6:00 pm.	Choir
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
	7:45 pm.	High School Class
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner