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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18 & 19, 2025

5:30PM & 8:00AM

AS WE GATHER

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *LSB* 398, sts. 1-5

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

Pastor: Great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Pastor: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

(Please sit)

HYMN OF PRAISE “All Glory Be to God Alone” LSB 948, sts. 1-5

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 62:1–5*

(“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 128*

Pastor: ¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

**People: ²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

Pastor: ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

**People: ⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.**

Pastor: ⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

**People: ⁶May you see your children’s children!
Peace be upon Israel!**

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**All: 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**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

*(The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose
—that God may be glorified and His church edified.)*

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *John 2:11*

Pastor: Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

People: And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1–11

(The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

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

People: 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.”

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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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest" LSB 859, sts.1-6

SERMON "JESUS SHOWS HIS LOVE AT A WEDDING" (Text: John 2:1,3,7-9)

(Please stand)

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: 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.**

(Please sit)

TITHES AND OFFERING

(8:00 ONLY – "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" Trinity Handbells)

(Please stand)**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: Merciful Father, You have richly restored Your people, stained by sin and marked by death. Fill us with Your grace that we may rejoice in the mercy You have shown to us and be kept holy and blameless in Christ all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord Jesus, in Your compassion, You visited a wedding in Cana of Galilee and placed Your blessing upon every Christian home and family. Uplift us by Your Spirit that our homes may be places of blessing and peace where forgiveness is asked and granted without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, You have established Your church as Christ's Bride and clothed her in His own righteousness. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will proclaim Your goodness and lead us to sing Your praises within Your church and to give faithful witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty Father, You have ordered all things by Your grace. Continue to bless us and our land with an abundance of resources, generous hearts, and faithful leaders, that Your name may be preserved and we may be governed according to Your Word and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You make glad the hearts of men with the choicest of wine. Keep us always from turning Your gifts into burdens or using them in ways that would harm us and our life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Father, You bear our burdens and have saved us by Your grace. Help the afflicted to bear in faith the burdens of their illnesses, and grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. [*Especially do we name before You . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You bore the weakness of our human flesh even to death and the grave so that we might be raised in You, never to die again. Deliver the grieving from their sorrows and restore us who live in the shadow of death with the promise of life everlasting. [*Hear us especially for the family of . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of love, You daily and richly supply us with more than we deserve or dare ask. Grant to us a grateful heart and a generous spirit, that we may sacrificially support the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world, and give assistance to the poor and needy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be included here.

Pastor: We praise You, O Lord, for giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His own gift of this bread of His body and this cup of His blood. Bless our communion at this altar, and bring us at last into the fullness of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Let us pray.
O Lord, as once Your Son brought gladness to Cana of Galilee by His presence and the first of His miracles, continue to grant us the gladness of Your presence that we may rejoice in the manifold gifts of Your mercy by which we have been saved and be brought to the marriage feast on high without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Please sit)

HYMN “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” *LSB 514, sts.1-4*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

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