



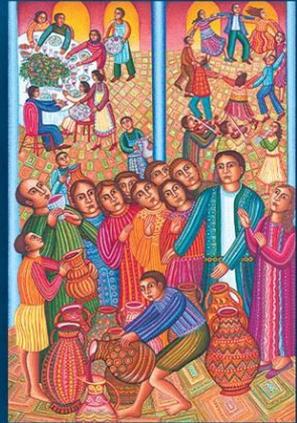
## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2022

9:30 AM

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

JOHN 2:11



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*As we gather for worship and prepare our hearts, we would ask that you please silence your cell phones for the duration of the service.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*ELW 167*

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.  
We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.  
We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.  
Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,

adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

*WOV 602 Kyrie*

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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.**

## **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62:1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

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.

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.

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 builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one

can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them 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 discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*WOV 613 Celtic Alleluia x2*

*Alleluia, alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia*

The holy gospel according to John the second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to

the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 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 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." 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, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON**

Pastor Jessie Obrecht

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*ELW 523    Let Us Go Now, To the Banquet*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of grace,           hear our prayer.

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

We are so very blessed with the continued support of this congregation during this time of physical distancing. For those who are gathering in worship today, the offering plate is placed on the table as you entered. For those who are joining us from home, you are encouraged to mail in your pledge to the church, to give on-line, if you aren't already, or to give through an arrangement you can set up through your bank. Thank you for your faithful support.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

**Sovereign of the universe.**

**You offer us new beginnings**

**and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table,**

**nourish us with this heavenly food,**

**and prepare us to carry your love**

**to a hungry world,**

**in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

WOV 616a *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:*

**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 Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. We believe that Christ comes to us in the bread and cup for the forgiveness of sins and new life. Today we will be coming forward for communion. The usher will help guide you. Please keep the six-foot physical distancing in mind as we move forward. Hand sanitizer is provided. Gluten free wafers are available, please let your server know. Choice of red wine and white grape juice offered.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*LH 547 I See Jesus (In This Place)  
ELW 518 We Eat the Bread of Teaching  
ELW 496 One Bread, One Body  
ELW 826 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,  
**for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.**  
**Send us to bring good news**  
**and to proclaim your favor to all,**  
**strengthened with the richness of your grace**  
**in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*BOB 56*

*Fill Me*

## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

And all God's children said:  
**Amen.**

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Accompanist</b>	Lynn Ryan, Piano
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Judy Statham
<b>Usher</b>	Carrie Ann and Julia Elkin
<b>Tech</b>	Adam Elkin
<b>Counters</b>	Pam Dougherty and Kaleb Stringer
<b>Children's Church</b>	Allison Marr and Abbie Virts

**Flowers are given** by Daren and Patty Braget in celebration of their grandson, Sterling Stubbs', birthday.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today at Bethel** we celebrate the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

**New Member Inquiry Class** will begin in the Fellowship Hall following our Worship Service today.

**Important upcoming events:** *January 23<sup>rd</sup>* Annual Budget review meeting following worship in the sanctuary; *January 30<sup>th</sup>* Annual Meeting following worship in the sanctuary.

Bethel Office will be **closed** on Monday in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Monday 1/17**

- Martin Luther King Jr Day, Bethel Office is Closed.

### **Tuesday 1/18**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 1/19**

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos resumes 5:30 pm; High School Logos 6:30 pm

### **Friday 1/21**

- Bethel office is closed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday 1/23**

- Worship led by Pastor Jessie in-person and live stream 9:30 am.
- Budget Review Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary.

### **Tuesday 1/25**

- Electric City Bible Study, Zoom meeting 7:00 am
- Men's Breakfast Zoom & in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 am

### **Wednesday 1/26**

- Bible Study with Pastor Jessie on Zoom 10:00 am
- Logos 5:30 pm; High School 6:30 pm

### **Friday 1/28**

- Bethel office is closed.

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