



2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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As We Gather

On the second Sunday of each Epiphany season, the manifestation, or the *making known* of Jesus as the Christ, is grounded in the Gospel of John, who gives us deep insights into the goal of our Lord's earthly ministry. Now the same Spirit who empowered Jesus all along His way to the cross empowers us to be united in our worship of God and in our love, service, and care for one another.

Prelude

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

J. Walther

Opening Hymn

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

#904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,

Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

△4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5–7

P God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

We pause in silence to remember our sins before Almighty God...

P Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Merciful God, we confess that our lives are surrounded by the darkness of sin in this fallen world. Because of our own sins of thought, word, and deed, the evil we have done as well as the good we have failed to do, we deserve Your punishment. But by Your grace, and for the sake of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection, we pray that You would deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ, the light of the world, opens heaven before us and brings us life again. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

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

- P** [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
C and his banner over me was love.
- P** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
C your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
C your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.
- P** How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- P** They feast on the abundance of your house,
C and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- P** For with you is the fountain of life;
C in your light do we see light.
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
C 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.

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C 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.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Zion's Coming Salvation ✠

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.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Solo

"O Sing to the Lord"

Hymn #808

Epistle

✠ Spiritual Gifts ✠

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ The Wedding at Cana ✠

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.

Confession of Faith

The 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

#408

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| 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. | He fills our empty cups again
With grace and truth divine. |
| 2 The old wine now is gone
From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy
The yearning, thirsting heart. | 4 Come, friends, and share the feast;
Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host—
For us, the crucified. |
| 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh,
Bids water turn to wine. | △ 5 For now He lives and reigns
Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One,
The glorious Trinity. |

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Offertory Meditation

✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Hymn

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

#636 sts. 1-2, 4

1 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.

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!

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Hymn

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

#399

1 The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav’nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2 The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

3 Within the Jordan’s sacred flood
The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood

That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.

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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Communion Blessing

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You have made us glad and increased our joy, as we share in the glory of Your Son’s cross and resurrection by Means of His very body and blood. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be His love and light in our world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

#500 sts. 1, 3-4

1 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.

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.

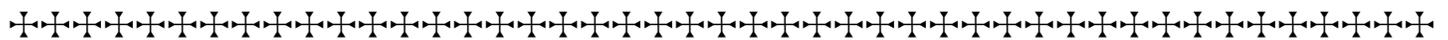
△4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father’s name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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Postlude

“My Soul Now Bless Thy Maker”

D. Buxtehude



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For Gene Wawrzynikowski (a friend of the Stisos) hospitalized with Covid;

Announcements & Notes:

- **Contribution Statements and Offering envelopes** are available to be picked up in the narthex.
- **The Board of Evangelism / Parish Ed** is partnering with the Southside Pregnancy Center for Life Sunday. They are collecting diapers, wipes, and any new or gently used baby items to help their ministry. The campaign begins on January 23rd and ends on February 20th. Monetary gifts are also appreciated.
- **Next Sunday we celebrate "Life Sunday."** A representative from the Southside Pregnancy Center will be with us during our Bible Study hour to talk about their ministry. We will also be using resources from "Lutherans for Life" during our worship, and we continue to encourage your support of their ministry as well.
- **Adult Bible Class** takes place after worship in the Timothy Room. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and a pre-packaged goodie and join us.

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
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