

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal

PRELUDE

Welcome, Celebration Bank
(money given to Human Concerns Fund)

We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: **You speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgement, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW Hymn 310

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa- ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

We Listen to God's Word

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹For 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.
- ²The 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.
- 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 builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

L: How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

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

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

C: **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

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them 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 discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In the Feast of Love"

ACS Hymn 962



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

We Respond to God's Word

APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

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.

(Please Stand)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

P: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We Share in the Holy Meal

(Please Stand)

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

(Please be seated)

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector: Pam Taylor
Usher: Susan Swanson
Communion: Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier
Greeters: Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge
Missionary Support: Open
Altar Flowers: Open
Remember in prayer: Eleonore Benninghoven; Jim & Bev Felland; Genieve Hingst

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters  
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.  
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
Joint Service with Messiah @ Bethany
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study @ Messiah

Next Sunday: **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
Stan Lehman preaching; Father Paul Walker presiding
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service

ANNUAL REPORTS

Today (Sunday, January 19) is the day! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be today, immediately following Worship service! Annual Reports for the meeting are on the table, next to the offering envelopes, if you have not already picked up a report.

PASTOR MISHA ON VACATION

Pastor Misha will be on vacation starting tomorrow, (Monday January 20) through Sunday, January 26. She will be return on Monday, January 27. Stan Lehman from Messiah will be preaching with Father Paul Walker presiding on Sunday, January 26.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Pastor Alana Sieg will be providing Pastoral coverage for any emergencies or deaths that may arise while Pastor Misha is away on vacation. She can be reached by email at pastoralanasieg@gmail.com or by phone at (815) 419-4768. She is the Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Carthage, IL & Faith Lutheran in Augusta, IL.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are out for pickup in the Fellowship Hall!

JOINT SERVICES WITH MESSIAH

Today, (Sunday, January 19) we welcome Messiah joining us for Worship! The next Joint Service will be on Sunday, February 2 at Messiah with worship starting at 10:30am.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS SERVICE AT MESSIAH

The Confirmation students at Messiah have been working hard to design and create their own Confession and Forgiveness Service! Please come and help support these kids' hard work on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm at Messiah! They would love to see you attend!

UKRAINIAN FAMILY DONATION NEED

We have a new family coming into the area that is in need of a blender. If anyone has one that they would like to donate to this family. Thank you.

FLOWERS AND MISSIONARY SUPPORT CHARTS

The charts for Flowers and Missionary Support for 2025 is up in the hallway! Please remember to stop on Sunday and pick out your special date! Plenty of dates still available!

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB!

Pastor's Book Club will meet again next month on February 11. We will be reading "Faith: A Journey for All" By Jimmy Carter. Stop down at Burlington By the Book and see if they have it in stock!



OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

We will not have donations for January for food pantry. Thank you everyone for your generosity! Stay tuned for what February will be!

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