

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

(LSB 913)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C 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.
P 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.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

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

P [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

C Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

P Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgements are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

C How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

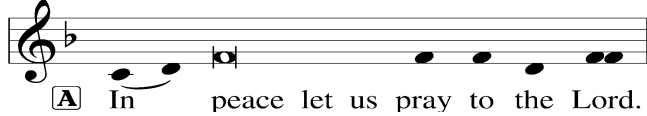
P They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

C For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

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.

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and his banner over me was love.

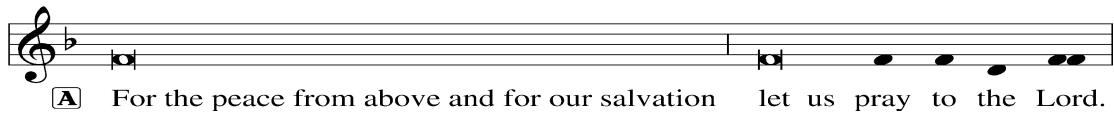
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT 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.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 62:1-5* (“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Christmas Angels" (GLORIA & MENDELSSOHN, arr. Larson)
Tim Larson, vocal soloist

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose—that God may be glorified and His church edified.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1–11 (The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Lord, When You Came As Welcome Guest" (LSB 859)

SERMON

“The First of His Signs”

(John 2:1-11)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Apostles’* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

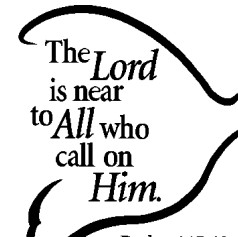
OFFERING AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, You manifested Your glory in the sign at Cana. As You restored creation through the shedding of Christ’s blood, pour out Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,



C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You gather Your Church and bring her to Your banquet, both now in Your Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come. Spread the banner of Christ’s steadfast love over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness may be constant and that patient love may mark our lives also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, uphold our nation. Bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice. Watch over and guide all military personnel. Thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine. By Your Spirit, give us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others. [*Support especially _____.*] Comfort also the lonely, the depressed, the mentally ill and any who feel abandoned. Let them know You and Your Son, who rejoices over them as a bridegroom over his bride. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, making bread and wine Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and making us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22;

Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
8:30 am service

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

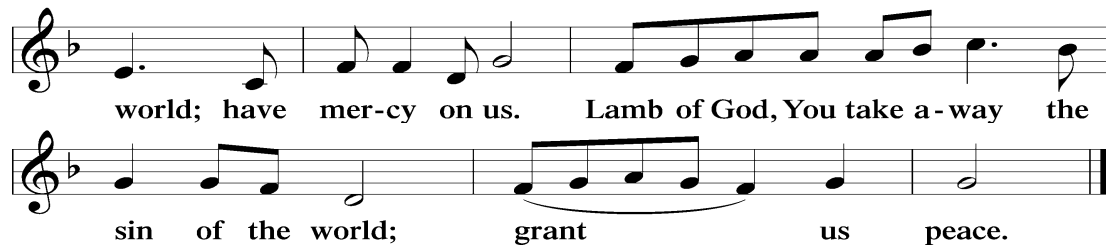
PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 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.

(Please be seated)

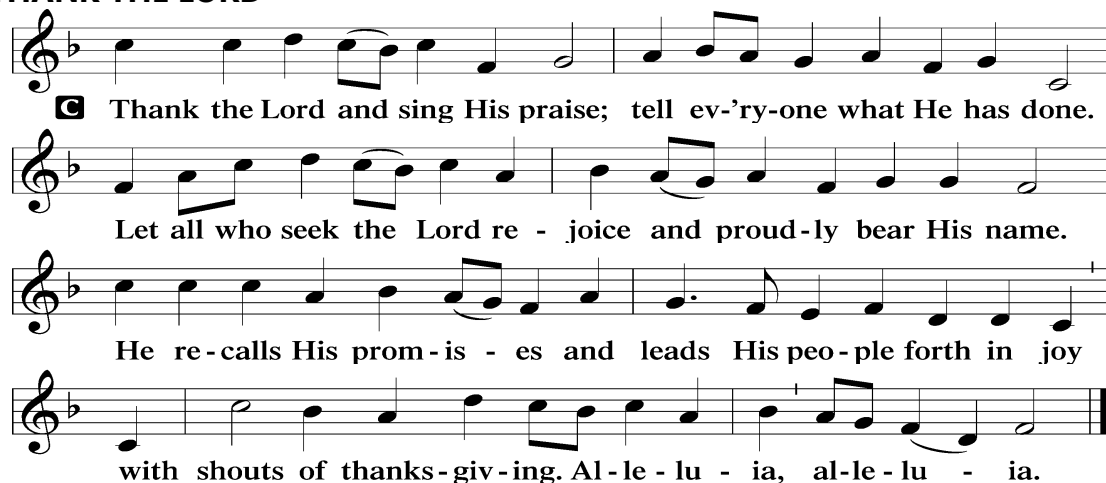
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)
- "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB 631)
- "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" (LSB 632)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one

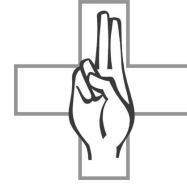
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

(LSB 394)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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.

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Isaiah 62:5b

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday after Epiphany! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 8, Att. 72; Offering \$560.00; **Sun., Jan. 12, Att. 252;** General Fund \$11,981.70; Sunday School \$16.00; Building Fund \$255.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Security System \$200.00; Sanctuary Light & Sound \$3,607.80; Flowers \$25.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. **Please use a separate check for your donation.** Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Thrivent Choice Dollars The deadline to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2025. Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that can be directed to help families in need around the world. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to various causes, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Daycare, and Faith Lutheran Preschool.

If you have questions about how to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars or would like to speak with a Thrivent Financial Associate, please contact Samuel Missal, 605-656-5432 or visit 540 South Garfield Avenue Suite B.

If the funds are not directed by the deadline, Thrivent may use them to promote program participation or for other purposes.

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.” This week we would like to thank the members of our streaming team (Dennis Ryckman, Mike Vasilie, Paul Poppe, Matt Reitzel, and Jeff Tronvold) for making our services available on YouTube and preparing them for the cable broadcast. They work behind the scenes to make sure that people can join us for worship when they are travelling, stuck at home, or those who live far away from our community. Thanks to their efforts, our congregation is larger than you might realize.

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve. Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday/Bake Sale/Walk for Life

Written in secret. Every hair counted. Valued above rubies. A life known by God. *“Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”* Psalm 139:16. God Loves Life. Each one of us was created for a purpose.

We will celebrate life at worship on February 2nd. Please join us for a reception and life display between services. There will also be a bake sale to raise support for new moms. Please provide baked goods and/or purchase some. At 11:45 am we will meet at the entrance of the church and travel to the Capitol to join the Walk for Life at Noon and then we will return to church following. You may also wish to take in the Hour of Reflection program in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:00 pm.

Offering Envelopes The 2025 offering envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex. *Please pick yours up today.* Even if you give on-line there are additional envelopes you can use: Building, Endowment, Special Missions, Lent and Advent. The use of envelopes is helpful for our counters and posters. If you don't use envelopes, it is helpful if you put your envelope number on your check. **Helen put a few more out so check and see if yours are now there.**

Friendship Sunday February 9th Bring a friend to church, wear your favorite jersey (you may get a prize), will play some trivia (prizes will be awarded), there will be soup and desserts for the meal at noon.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Jan. 19, 2025 (Sanctity of Human Life)

"Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

10:30 AM - Reverend Jim Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, Iowa & Sioux Falls, South Dakota presents a message titled "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life." This sermon is based on Isaiah 43:1. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Life Quotes "No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Faith Lutheran Youth



LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and

their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 19

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow
1-4 pm American Legion Oratory
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Jan. 20 M. L. King Day

Office Closed

Tues: Jan. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Jan. 22

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study
6:30 pm Jesus Bible Study in homes
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: Jan. 26

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.
1-4 pm Am. Legion Oratory Make-up