

The water now
become
WINE
... the first of
his signs.

John 2:9, 11, ESV

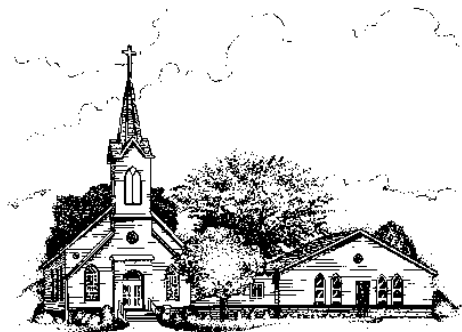


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Welcome to God's House

It's easy to assume that if God says "no" to my request, I'm getting less than I wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying "yes" to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says "no" to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a "help desk" or 911 dispatch, God's love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #384

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

Kings shall bow down before him and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sins

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Gloria

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♪ To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

²The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

³You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.

But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;

for the Lord will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

⁵As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

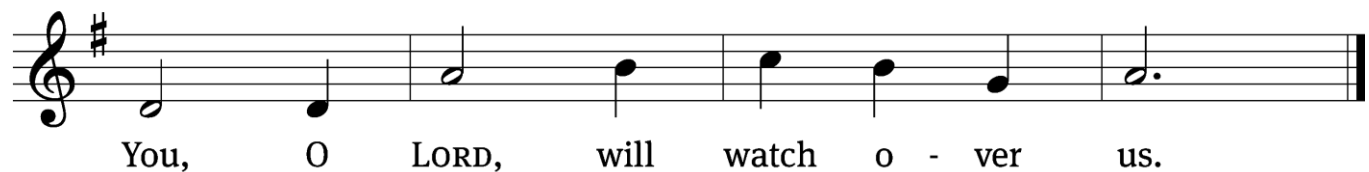
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

You, O LORD, Will Watch Over Us - 12B

Refrain



Tone



Help, Lord, for no one is faithful / anymore;
those who are loyal have vanished from the / human race.

Everyone lies to their / neighbor;
they flatter with their lips but harbor deception / in their hearts.
May the Lord silence all flat- / tering lips
and every / boastful tongue—
those who say, “By our tongues we / will prevail;
our own lips will defend us—who is lord / over us?” *Refrain*

“Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan,
I will now arise,” / says the Lord.

“I will protect them from those who ma- / lign them.”
And the words of the Lord are / flawless,
like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined / seven times.
You, Lord, will keep the / needy safe
and will protect us forever from the / wicked,
who freely / strut about
when what is vile is honored by the / human race.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14

Alleluia. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, **who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom

aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Arise and Shine in Splendor #375

Arise and shine in splendor; let night to day surrender.

Your light is drawing near.

Above, the day is beaming, in matchless beauty gleaming;
the glory of the Lord is here.

See earth in darkness lying, the heathen nations dying
in hopeless gloom and night.

To you the Lord of heaven—your life, your hope—has given
great glory, honor, and delight.

Lift up your eyes in wonder—see, nations gather yonder
from sin to be set free.

The world has heard your story; her sons come to your glory,
her daughters haste your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness when from the realms of sadness
they come from near and far.

Your eyes will wake from slumber as people without number
rejoice to see the Morning Star.

Sermon

John 2:1-11

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, your only Son has made you known and has revealed your glory by his Word and work.

We will exalt you, God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

Strengthen us inwardly through your Holy Spirit. Root and establish us in your love. Empower us with understanding as we grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

We will exalt you, God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

Your Son revealed his glory at the wedding of Cana, and his disciples believed in him. Continue to reveal your glory as we share the Word of your gospel, that people may see the wonder of your love in Christ.

We will exalt you, God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

In the beginning you established marriage to fill our need for companionship, to provide for all physical needs, and to establish the family as the foundation of society. Strengthen husbands and wives in commitment and love. Lead and teach children to honor, serve, obey and love their parents.

We will exalt you, God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

We rejoice in the many freedoms you have given us in our land, especially our freedom to worship you in spirit and in truth. Preserve our freedom of religion so that your Word may be freely proclaimed for the building up and expansion of your church.

We will exalt you, O God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

You uphold all who fall and lift up all who are bowed down. In your mercy, look on those who endure pain and suffering, [especially...]. Have compassion on your people. Uphold them and strengthen them in faith. Give health and recovery as it fits your gracious plan for them.

We will exalt you, God, our King. We will praise your name for ever and ever.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our personal prayers...

Silent prayers and special intercessions

Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray that you would bless all husbands, wives and families that they might live and serve you in joy and unity, and

bring up their children according to your will. Provide for all their needs and comfort them in all misfortune, crosses and affliction; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Joyously I'll Praise My Savior #611

Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing,
as I see his loving favor evident in ev'rything.

In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long,
love that makes his servants strong. All I see on earth is fleeting;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son,
by whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won.

O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know,
current which will ever flow. All I see on earth is failing;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

God had seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind;
he will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind.

When it seems it's not worth trying—all my skill gets nothing done—
Jesus helps me carry on. All I see on earth is dying;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

Since your love is never-ending, far beyond what words can say,
up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray:

Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might
cling to you both day and night till I see your face in heaven
where my praise and love will be yours for all eternity.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone #510:1, 4

In Christ alone my hope is found;

he is my light, my strength, my song;

this cornerstone, this solid ground,

firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all;

here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	6:25 p.m.	Marriage Enrichment Series at Christ Alone, Mequon
Mon:	7:00 p.m.	Annual meeting
Tue:	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid Meeting
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

In Our Prayers Rhea Schmidt, hospitalized at St. Agnes in Fond du Lac.

Annual Meeting This Monday night – January 20th - is the date for our annual meeting, essentially a “state of the congregation” meeting. We look back at numbers and reports from the previous year and then we look ahead, asking God’s blessing as we try our human-best to plan for the future. Join us tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. for our annual voters’ meeting.

Contribution Statements The contribution statements from 2024 have been placed in your church mailboxes. Please take yours before you leave today. If you have any questions about them, please text or e-mail our financial secretary Rick Meier at 262.909.1069 or rrrick4919@yahoo.com. If you haven't picked up your 2025 box of envelopes, they should be in your mailboxes as well.

We thank Barb Olsen (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend

WELS Youth Night Wisconsin Lutheran College will be hosting another "youth night" next Sunday, January 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance (8815 West Wisconsin Avenue). The night will feature games, snacks, worship, a keynote address from Pastor Ben Blumer, and small group discussion. All students in 9th – 12th grade are invited to attend. You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/YNWLC>. Free parking will be available in the Parking Center, 8701 West Wisconsin Avenue.

WELS Connection In this month's WELS Connection video you'll learn how Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Doral, FL, worked with Christian Aid and Relief to help a member in need.

California Fires The closest WELS congregation to the devastating fires in Southern California is Hope Lutheran, about 7 miles from the Pacific Palisades fire. The members of Hope are working with other community organizations to aid those displaced by the fires. They are basing their efforts at the Hope Lutheran campus. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has provided grants to be used to purchase gift cards and other supplies to share with those in need. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has also donated to Direct Relief, an organization that specializes in medical assistance in disaster situations. You can learn more about what they do by visiting directrelief.org. If you would like to support our efforts in the LA area, please visit www.wels.net/cargift and designate your gift for disaster relief. You can also mail a check to: WELS Christian Aid and Relief -

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20th Annual Jim Haag Memorial Bowling Fundraiser - Join us on



Saturday, February 1st at Riviera Lanes for a bowling fundraiser benefiting Lighthouse Youth Center! This fun event includes 3 games of bowling, food, soft drinks, raffles and a silent auction. Plus, compete for prizes for top male and female bowler and top team! For more information and to register, please visit <https://lyc.ejoinme.org/bowling2025>. Questions? Contact Abby Rasmussen at abby.rasmussen@lighthouseyouthcenter.com.

Marriage Enrichment Evenings – All married couples are invited to “Marriage Keys”, the Marriage Enrichment Series held at Christ Alone Lutheran Church – Thiensville. It will be held three Sunday evenings - January 19, February 16, and March 16 (each session is a different topic and a different leader!), meeting 6:25 PM to 7:40 PM in the church fellowship hall. Free event! Childcare available! Snacks and beverages provided. Questions? Call 262-242-4710. Signup deadline for registration is Thursday, January 16th. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4CA9AD2AAoFE3-53870257-marriage#/>

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