

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

God in Flesh Made Manifest

January 16 & 17, 2016

### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, John tells us of a miracle by Jesus that is more than a miracle. It is a sign. The changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee was a significant revealing of His power, so powerful a showing that His disciples believed in Him. We have seen our Lord do so much more than change water into wine. Our lives have been changed from futility to promise. Our eternal destination has been changed from hell to heaven. Jesus is more than a miracle worker. He is the ultimate sign giver who reveals the gracious love of God to people on earth.

### WELCOME

#### MINISTRY MOMENT - Groundwork Guatemala

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God:

Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

(1 John 4:2-3a)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### OPENING HYMN #822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation. Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing, In whom we are elected.

He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in that blessed flood,

And as His bride selected. Holy, holy, Is our union And communion.

His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.

Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing For our regeneration.

The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,

Made us His chosen nation. Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;

There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

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Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing; Blest be His name forever!

With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises evermore

For all His grace and favor! Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;

Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

People: **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed your law in many ways by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good to our friends, faithful to our neighbors, or caring to our family members. We deserve your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with you through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct us by your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow your will and gladly obey your Commandments as your redeemed people.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of grace and peace sanctify you completely and keep you blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### "Gloria in Excelsis"

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

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**People: (sung)**

Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, you sent your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to you. In response to His signs, the disciples believed in Him. In the working of the Holy Spirit, help us to see His signs, to hear His call, to believe in Him, and to follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**10:30 BAPTISM** of Henry John Sanchez Loomans

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**✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 62:1–5* (Salvation is coming to Zion.)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No 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. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 12:1–11* (Paul teaches regarding spiritual gifts.)

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

**5:00 ANTHEM**

*"Days of Elijah"*

*St. Paul's Choir*

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 2:1–11* (Jesus performs the first of His miracles at Cana in Galilee.) On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 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 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." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #408      “Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”**

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 old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, The Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.

Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied  
By Him who is both guest and host – For us, the crucified.

(Rise) For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity  
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, The glorious Trinity.

**SERMON                      “Things Aren’t What They Appear To Be!”                      John 2:1-11**

(Rise)

**5:00 & 8:00 APOSTLES’ CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, *please sign our attendance book* located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: As people redeemed by Christ and made His Bride, let us pray to Him for ourselves and for everyone in need. Father in heaven, as your Son’s glory was revealed at Cana, may the Holy Spirit grant us to evermore see Christ’s hidden glory when we hear His Gospel and receive His body and blood.

**People: Strengthen us in faith and bless us to shine forth the love of Christ as brightness in this sin-darkened world.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, bless us to live our lives in faith, looking to Christ to care for every need in life.

**People: Fill us with the Holy Spirit so we can say, “Jesus is Lord,” and move us to walk according to the leading of your Holy Spirit, day by day.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we pray for all pastors and church leaders, that they be led, like the servants at Cana, to do as Christ instructs. Bless our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family and all missionaries.

**People: Lead them to boldly proclaim God’s Word of Law and Gospel, and give them confidence that our heavenly Father will provide for all their needs.**

Pastor: Gracious God, we pray for our daily bread, that even as Christ supplied in abundance what was lacking at Cana, you would also supply all that we need for life on earth.

**People: Give us thankful hearts for all your goodness, and grant us to see your providing hand as evidence that He still works among us today.**

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for our nation, asking you to bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice. Watch over and guide all military personnel and thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily.

**People: Bless our nation that righteousness and goodness would flourish that we may live in peace.**

Pastor: Lord of life, bless the people of our nation to have a deepened appreciation of the value of life among us, that leaders and citizens of our country and all nations would work to overcome every evil that threatens life, including abortion.

**People: We pray that you would guard the lives of all who are vulnerable, the unborn, the aging and those who are frail.**

Pastor: Lord of salvation, we rejoice with Heather and German as their child, John Henry, is brought to the waters of Holy Baptism. Grant us all to rejoice in the gift of salvation and life with Christ bestowed upon us all in Baptism.

**People: Bless us all to grow together by the grace and mercy given us in Jesus.**

Pastor: Father in heaven at the beginning of time you instituted marriage and your Son cared for the groom and bride at Cana, blessing them by His presence and encouraging them in their life together.

**People: Bless all marriages to live in Jesus' love and forgiveness, in His care and His joy. Grant peace and comfort to those whose desire for a husband or wife remains unfulfilled. Keep all of us free from sexual sin.**

Pastor: We pray for all those who are ill, injured, or suffering difficult days, including Richard, Edith, Rosalie, Judy, Mae, Marion, Debra, Leonard, Helen, June, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Marion, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah.

**People: Strengthen their faith and give them healing, hope, and relief in accord with your will.**

Pastor: Eternal Lord, we lift up all who are grieving, especially Steve and Laura Kohrs, upon the passing of Steve's mother. Comfort and sustain them in these difficult days.

**People: Fill them and us all with the certain hope in Christ of the resurrection of the body and the life that is everlasting.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray for those who receive the Sacrament of the Altar this day: prepare us with repentance and faith to receive your gifts of forgiveness and life.

**People: Grant us all to receive Christ's body and blood as a foretaste of the everlasting wedding feast to come.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**People: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

#### **HYMN #644 "The Church's One Foundation"**

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

#### **HYMN "There is a Redeemer" W & R #117**

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

**Refrain:** Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. **Refrain**

**HYMN #628 "Your Table I Approach"**

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
a contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, who has fed and nourished us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord and rejoice in seeing the fullness of your divine presence. Grant us your abiding peace each day of our lives as we await your eternal kingdom. Give us hope and comfort, we pray, in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #808 "O Sing to the Lord"**

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets.  
So dance for our God, And blow all the trumpets.  
And sing to our God, And sing to our God.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.  
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!  
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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