

ST. JOHN 2:11a

This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.



Jesus changes water into wine.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (ELW) No. 310

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (ELW) NO. 308

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

January 16, 2022—Second Sunday After Epiphany

“And his disciples believed in him.” (John 2:11)

Jesus constantly reveals himself to us. Sometimes revelation comes in a way that is clear and direct. At other times, we receive only hints, suggestions, or subtle indications God is near and God is here for us. These “epiphanies” are rare and odd, but they are wonderful because they give us a glimpse into something deep and mysterious. An epiphany is a manifestation of God.

In this reading, we’re at a wedding. Not at the actual marriage ceremony but at the after-party. Jesus, his disciples, and mother are there. “They have no wine,” Jesus’s mother says to him. “Woman, what does that have to do with me? It’s not our party.” Even though it’s the wrong time and the wrong place, 180 gallons of water are transformed into the very best wine without Jesus even speaking!

Jesus’s disciples saw “glory” and “believed in him” (vs. 11.) What did they believe? What was the glory they saw? John gives us no explanation.

Maybe that’s the way it is with these unexpected epiphanies. Explanation is beside the point. We’ve had some mystical, undeniable, but still inexplicable experience. We know that somehow the veil has been pulled back. We have been given a vision, maybe just a glimpse, of something going on beneath, some strange but wonderful presence breaking in among us, an epiphany.

These mystical, strange, visionary experiences are not an argument that Jesus is God’s Son. Perhaps they are pointing us to believe that something more is going on with Jesus than just meets the eye.

We should not base our whole faith on these epiphanies. Perhaps God gives us these unexpected, inexplicable moments in order to push us toward faith. Maybe to get us thinking or moving us while the Holy Spirit takes our experience and transforms US into believing.

Hopefully you have been given an epiphany by God. If you haven’t, my bet is that you will. And when that veil is pulled back, when you are given a peek, a glimpse into the eternal, enjoy it, delight in that unexpected and undeserved gift.

Jesus shows up at a wedding party, or at your job, or your classroom, or while doing the dinner dishes. Hold on to your hat! You may experience some glory. You might walk away saying, “I believe.”

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty and eternal God, You restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear Your people's prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 128

¹Happy are they all who fear the Lord,
and who follow in His ways!

²You shall eat the fruit of your labor;

happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

⁴The man who fears the Lord

shall thus indeed be blessed.

⁵The Lord bless you from Zion,

and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶May you live to see your children's children;

may peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Gospel

John 2:1-11

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung* after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung* after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Seminarian, Justin Baker

*The Hymn of the Day

How Great Thou Art

(ELW) No. 856

*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
 day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
 cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

(ELW) No. 188

*The 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.

Announcements

*The Benediction (sung response)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(ELW) No. 815

*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

*The Dismissal (response)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Organist and Music Director: Kristina Schuerle

The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Edna Quinn (mother) and Herman Lank (uncle) on their birthday by the John Sakerka family. A donation is made to First Lutheran Church.

The Lay Reader is Nella Matthews.

Acolytes are Elijah Clark and Lillah Clark.

Counters/Greeters today are K. Luketich and D. Schmidt.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

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How Great Thou Art

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou art!

How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou art!

How great thou art!

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he - bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 7 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.

Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Barbara, Michael Selarud, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Carolyn Wright, Bill Stewart, the Penvose family, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, and Tom Liam.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with - in our
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when not

truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy! Of Ja - cob's line,
 hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing! In your one bod -
 God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure. Your word and Spir -
 yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion! Your Son has ran -

King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior, you have won our hearts
 y let us be as liv - ing branch - es of a tree, your life
 it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with heav'n - ly food. You are
 somed us in love to live in him here and a - bove: this is