



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, 19 January A+D 2025 • 10:00 A.M.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast” LSB 408

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

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



[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

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

Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.
They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

**For with you is the foun- | tain of life;*
in your light do | we see light.**

**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.**

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

KYRIE

LSB 204

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
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 sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

GRADUAL

Psalms 117:1-2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all | nations! *
Extol him, all | peoples!

**For great is his steadfast | love toward us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name; *
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all 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 ability to distinguish between spirits, to another

various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Only Son from Heaven” LSB 402

SERMON

“Jesus Blesses Marriage with Good Wine” John 2:1-11

Stand

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

LSB 272

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

LSB 208

SANCTUS

LSB 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 208

LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 209
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 209
PAX DOMINI	LSB 209
AGNUS DEI	LSB 210

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB 636</i>
	<i>"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537</i>
	<i>"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee" LSB 632</i>

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 211
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT	LSB 212
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION	LSB 212
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

TODAY WE WELCOME SIX NEW MEMBERS to Our Redeemer through the Rite of Confirmation: Richel Francisco, Matthew Harvath, Taylor Hicks, Cole Kubick, Breeanna Peterson, and Tyler Rappi. We give thanks to God that He grows His Church and for the faith that He these new brothers and sister join us in confessing.

WE WANT TO THANK CLAIRE RHODE for her work as our office secretary since October 2023. Claire will be stepping away from this role as she focuses her time and energy on other endeavors. **WE ARE SEEKING APPLICANTS** for the role of Church Office Secretary. The job is for 15 hours per week with competitive pay, flexible scheduling, and paid time off provided. If interested, please speak with Pastor Ruesch or email him at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org.

JOIN US FOR MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. This Wednesday will be the last in a three-part special sermon series on Holy Baptism entitled “Christ’s Work, Our Gift.”

OUR NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETING will be on Sunday, January 26th, following the Divine Service. All voting members (confirmed members at least 16 years old) are urged to attend.

PASTOR RUESCH WILL BE IN FORT WAYNE for his Doctor of Ministry courses from January 27th through 31st. *During that week, there will be no Confirmation Class, Midweek Divine Service, or Thursday Bible Study.* He can still be reached via email during that time at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org or on his cell phone at (906) 396-7401.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Epiphany II: Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem like tidal waves. Terminal diagnoses also often come like thunderstorms. But even among their sufferings, the Lord Jesus exercises ultimate authority and never fails to make wine for us out of water. The gifts He delivers through each neighbor differ, but the same Spirit works (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) the sanctity of life in them all.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”* Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<i>Week of 1/19</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl	Lisa Swanson	Youth Group
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson	N/A
<i>Week of 1/26</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed	Cindy Koller	NEEDED
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Cindy Koller	N/A

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (19)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (20)	6:30 P.M.	Church Council
Tuesday (21)		
Wednesday (22)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	5:30 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Divine Service
Thursday (23)	9:30 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (24)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (25)		
Sunday (26)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$21,318.11	\$210,538.53
Expenses:	\$19,618.68	\$235,106.05
Difference:	+\$2,441.72	-\$24,567.52

This report represents raw monthly and year-to-date receipt/expense data ("money-in"/"money-out"), including expenses for which funds were reserved from memorials and designated gifts.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Jan. 12 th , 10:00 A.M.	94	63
Weds., Jan. 15 th , 7:00 P.M.	17	16