

2nd Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, January 19, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Speak to an usher if you would like a hearing assistive device

* All who are able may stand; **congregation reads bold print**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Blessings
Jill Nelles-Voss, piano

Jim Brickman

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us, we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✚ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** *Now We Join in Celebration*

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1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

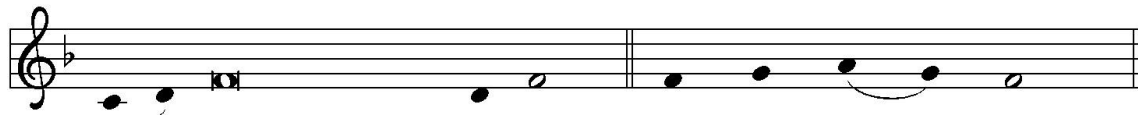
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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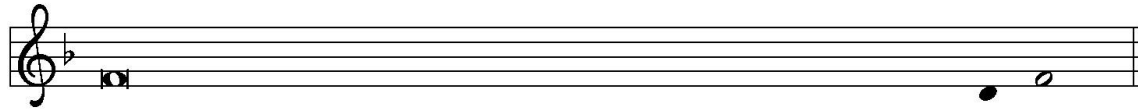
***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



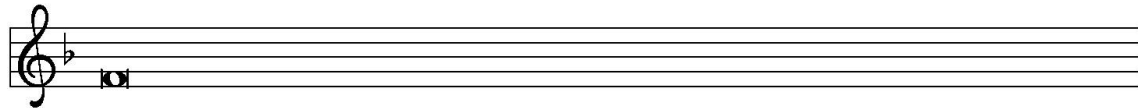
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



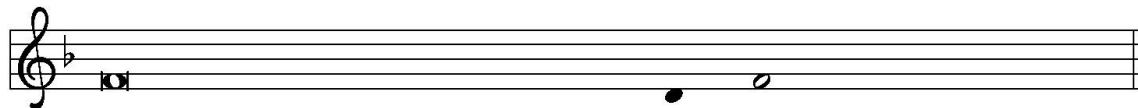
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



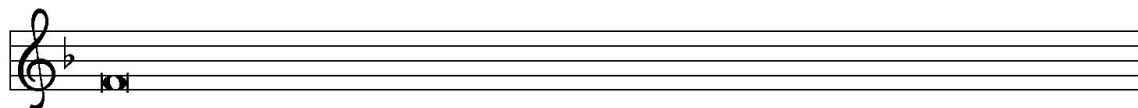
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



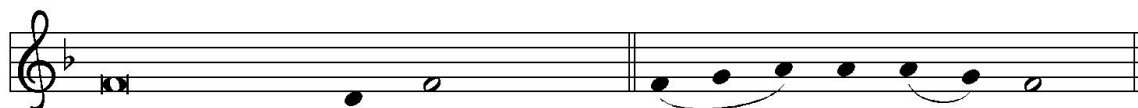
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



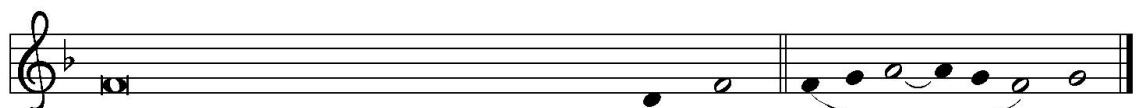
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Lord God, **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, the 62nd Chapter.

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You 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.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;**
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;**
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,**
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 12th Chapter.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them 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 powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

*GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Anna Rieke

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You ELW 312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

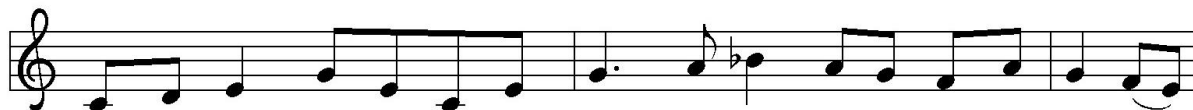
PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MUSIC OFFERING *Mazurka in A minor, Op 17, No 4* Frederic Chopin
Lincoln Wright, organ

***OFFERING RESPONSE**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

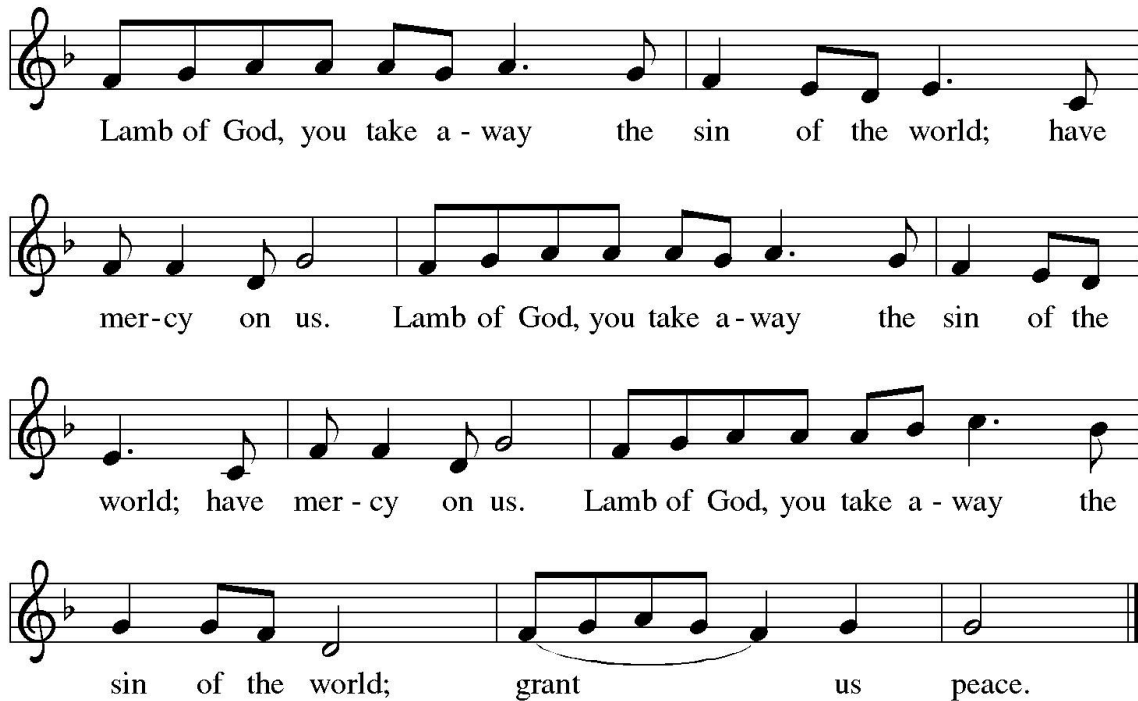
**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune



LAMB OF GOD



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.

*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Let us pray. Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

*BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Alla Marcia in D

Henry H. Huss

Lincoln Wright, organ

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Today's Service Participants

Ushers: Jon & Brent
Communion Assistants:

Lector: Dick Reckmeyer
Hospitality: Kodis, Guerin
Skladany

Thank you for assisting with the service this morning. **If anyone is interested in assisting with the service, please place your name onto the sign-up sheet in Nelles Fellowship Hall.**

CtL Prayer List

New Requests in red

Special Intentions

Michael (son)
Donna (Doug's sister)
Sophia Bradley (niece)
Todd Kennedy (brother)
Alexander Deleon (AF) (nephew)
Michael Naber Jr. (AF) (grandson)

Doug & Nancy Besemer

Sal Martello
Mark Kennedy
Gerald & America Naber

Home Bound

Jean Bente



Health Issues

Lou Monaco

Pete Carpenter

Keith Kittle

Nancy Hales (Heart Issues)

Brent Saunders

Jason Wright

Susie Bradstock (friend)

John Anderson (brother-in-law)

Erika (wife)

Jan Parilla (friend)

Dave & Gretchen Clark

Jerry Graunke

Roger Greaves

Tom & Luann Spraker

Bill and Patty Coulter (cousin)

Susan Farrington

Mike & Jackie Strosnider (friends)

Susan & Scott Farrington

Ken Mulzer (friend)

Bob & Dian Flach

Ron Flanders (brother)

Marilyn Flanders

Krystin Flanders

Gene (son's father)

Larry & Joyce Vetch (friends)

Keith & Kristy Hainy

Toni Lusk (friend)

Jaren David Corral (friend's brother)

Mark & Valerie Kennedy

Michelle (friend)

Brenda Schotter (niece)

Skip & Joan McGinnis

George (cousin)

Bill (brother)

Lyn

Dan & Diane Nelson's friends

Charles

Tom Leiser

Jim Johnson (friend)

Brent & Pam Saunders

Shirley Prescott

Helena Harja

Paula (daughter)

Jan & Carla Skladany

Cancer

Doug Besemer
Steve Boccieri (friend)
Pat Miller
Linda Lamphier (friend)
Pat Moran (friend)
Mary Anderson (sister)
Steve (brother)
Dr. Ian Akiyama (friend)
Joe Marotta (friend)
Nicholas Teknos (family)
Debbie Chevalier (best friend)
Ellen Murphy (friend)
John White (friend)
Chuck Vandenberg (brother-in-law)
Mike Stevens (husband)
Marilyn Bennett
Larry Glenn (friend)

Ted Pederson (brother-in-law)
Ruth Evans

Tom McIntyre (friend)
Renaë Hampton (friend)

Karen (daughter)
Travis Brown (family)
Ruth Mueller (friend)

Paul Skoog (friend)
Tom (friend)
Eileen Hovey (friend)
Jamie Smith (friend)
Kirsten Wampler (Dan's sister)
Anna DeLeon (niece)
Steve Chaudet (friend)
Mike Shanklin (friend)
Amy Andrejko (Diane's cousin)
Joel Lassman (friend)

Doug & Nancy Bessemer
Pete Carpenter
Frances Emerson
Grace Farrington
Jerry Graunke
Jennie Lespron
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Mark Kennedy
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Pam McGinnis
Bill Murphy
Jan Murphy
Tom & Luann Spraker
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Brent & Pam Saunders
Robin Coleman & Kay Krueger

Carol Albers

Frances Emerson

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