

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**January 19, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

The Sundays after celebrate the revelation of was made known to the Jordan's banks at Jesus' wedding imagery. Our people as those being another. By the power of galore for everyone. In



Epiphany continue to God's glory to us as it magi and to those on baptism—today using God rejoices over God's married rejoice over one the Spirit there are gifts Christ Jesus the best

wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

**+GATHERING+**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**      **Thee We Adore, O Savior**

**ELW 476**  
**arr. M. Larkin**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In  $\oplus$  Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN      Let Us Go Now to the Banquet      ELW 523**

### **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 (vs. 1,2)

All sing refrain; choir sings verses



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for

hun-gry and the poor; that

friends and fam-i-ly; for

wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out . . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## **+WORD+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### **First Reading:**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 62.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. *Isaiah 62:1-5*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 36

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

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

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

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

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

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

## Second Reading:

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, chapter 12.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all sing)*



*Alleluia.* Jesus re- | vealed his glory,\* and his disciples be- | lieved in him.  
*Alleluia. (John 2:11)*

### Gospel

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

The holy Gospel according to John, chapter 2. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*John 2:1-11*

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please have an adult accompany children 3 yrs. old and younger.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      **Jesus Come! For We Invite You**      **ELW 312**

## L: 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.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our healer, we continue to pray for those on our prayer list. In addition we lift up to your care these loved ones and concerns that we name aloud or in our hearts before you now...*(time is allowed for additions)*.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear 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.**

## SHARE THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### +MEAL+

*God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM    Let Us Come            Words and Music by K. Marrolli**

Let us come, let us come to the table of God. Let us come to the table of God, for the banquet is spread: Cup of Life, Living Bread. Let us come to the table of God.

Let us feast on the love of our God, of our God. Let us feast on the love of our God: Cup of Hope, Bread of Heaven, peace restored, healing given. Let us feast on the love of our God.

Let us go, let us go to the people of God. Let us go to the people of God, granting love, granting grace, in every time and place. Let us go to the people of God.

## **L: OFFERING PRAYER**

*For all that we have received from God let us pray for what we return.*

God of grace, bless these elements and what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God...

now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.*

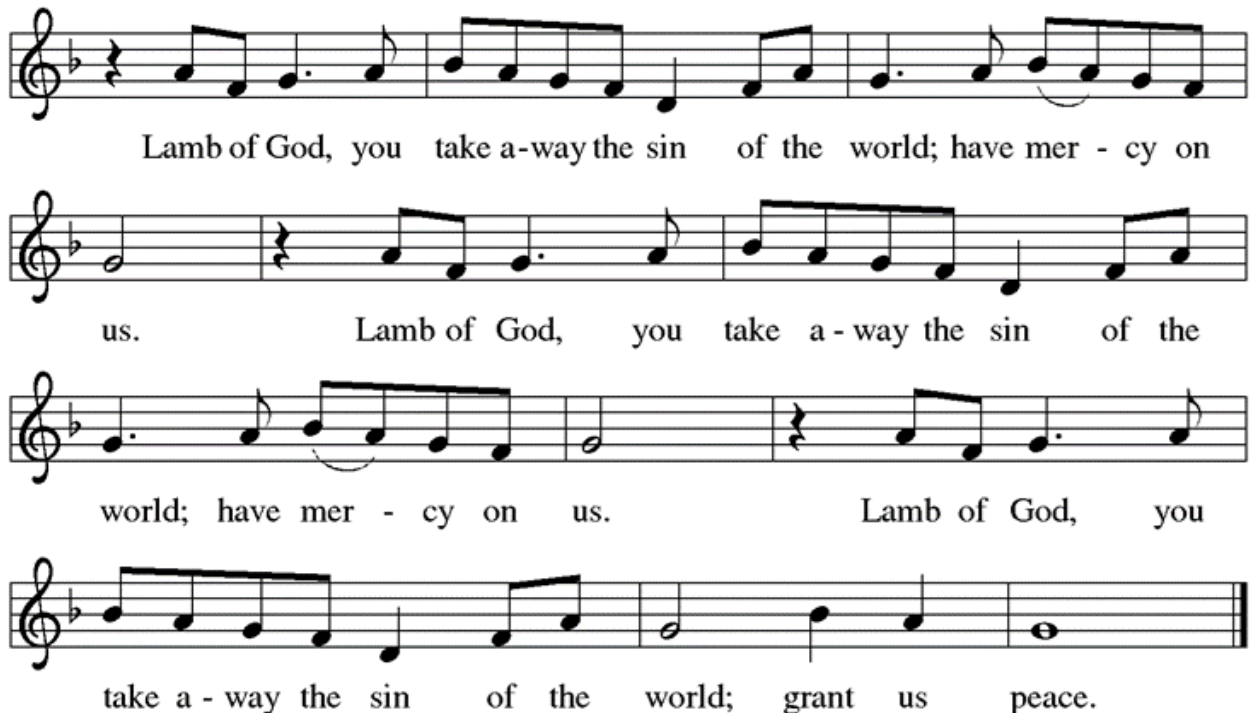
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*At Faith all are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to fill in along the rail from the center to the sides. You may either stand or kneel to receive bread (or gluten-free wafers upon request) and wine (or white grape juice) in pre-filled glasses. Empty glasses can be placed in baskets provided as you return by the side aisles to your seat for silent meditation. If you need communion brought to you, please notify the usher.*

## COMMUNION HYMN Lamb of God



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The fourth staff concludes the hymn: "take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests to indicate the rhythm of the hymn.

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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **L: POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

### **+SENDING+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN**                      **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**                      **ELW 310**  
*(if you are giving a reminder, come to the lectern during the last verse)*

## **REMINDERS**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*All are welcome to refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following service.*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Chris Dion

**Minister of Music:** Deacon Gwynne Hopko

Assisting Minister: Terri Gustafson

Lector: Matt Girard

Tech Team: Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Connor Pratt

Ushers: Denise Martin, Alan Rindfleisch, Donald Zurell

Altar Guild: Denise Martin

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, January 19, 2025 Second Sunday after Epiphany**

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Council Meeting

### **Monday, January 20, 2025**

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

### **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

### **Thursday, January 23, 2025**

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (YOUTH Room)

### **Saturday, January 25, 2025**

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle Meeting at Church

### **Sunday, January 26, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

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