

# Sunday January 9, 2022

## Wedding at Cana



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Jan. 3, 2022 – Jan. 9, 2022

Monday	1/10	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/11	4-6:00 pm	Grief Share
Wednesday	1/12	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	1/13	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		1:00 pm	Cards & Game Time
Sunday	1/16	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Marilyn Andrews, Dick Pullen

**DIGITAL SIGN UPDATE** At the Annual Meeting the congregation agreed to purchase a new digital sign to replace our existing sign. I wanted to provide an update to you on our progress and status.

We have placed the order for the new digital, colored sign that will be 41" high by 91" wide. It can be remotely programmed from inside the church and be mounted on steel posts for a cost of about \$27,360 (installation included).

We are anticipating that the posts will be installed this Spring and the sign will arrive about the same time. The financing of the sign is being met with donations from the congregation. While we do have several members that have committed to large contributions, we hope that others in the congregation also contribute to this endeavor. There are several members that are making monthly contributions and it would be wonderful to see more members make either a onetime contribution or make regular contributions. Please designate any contribution to the sign so that we can set it aside for that purpose.

**2021 YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall along with giving envelopes for 2022.

**END OF LIFE SEMINARS** Bethesda Lutheran Church is offering four free seminars as part of an 'End of Life' series. Our first session will be on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 11 am. Attorney Henry Brucker will discuss the differences between a will and a trust along with the importance of a power of attorney. He may also have suggestions about gifting inheritance to children. Session is about 40 minutes long with questions following. Bring your own bag lunch.

**OPENING HYMN:**

**“Jesus Shall Reign”**

**#434 ELW**

(Please rise on the last verse)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and**

**lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of revelation,

**You made your son known at a wedding, a public celebration of love.**

**Celebrate love with us by revealing Jesus in our midst. Amen.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 104:10-16**

*(Read Responsively)*

<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

<sup>11</sup>**giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

<sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup>**From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>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.

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:            "In Cana at the Wedding Feast"**

(sung to the tune of **Hail To the Lord's Anointed**)

In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.  
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"  
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;  
Through water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in him.

Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat.  
He healed their sick, then told his own, "You give them food to eat!"  
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,  
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed, with baskets left to spare.

The blind, the poor, the outcast too, found Christ to be their friend.  
"Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said. "I want to see again."  
With great compassion and with grace, Christ gave him back his sight.  
Through deeds of power, deeds of love, he filled our world with light.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:  
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.  
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.  
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

*Please stand if able*

## **APOSTLE'S 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**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,

**Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,

**for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Earth and All Stars”**

**#731 ELW**



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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*Refrain*



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

**DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Pat Becker & Carolyn Morris

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality:

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 2, 2022:

In Person: 9:00 am 36

Online: 11