

# Sunday January 19, 2025

## Second Sunday after Epiphany



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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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron & Jan Aho

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

**LECTORS NEEDED** we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2025 are here! Please pick up your envelopes from the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall. There are also “Direct Deposit” forms available on the table also.

**YEAR END TAX GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex on the table heading into the Fellowship Hall.

**WINTER CRAFT SESSIONS** Join Our Crafting Community! We’ve scheduled three Winter Green Craft Sessions that are open to the public and you can bring your projects home if you wish. These will be on Monday mornings from 9-11 am on Jan. 27th, Feb. 24th, and March 24th. The first session will focus on creating moss heart topiaries, a simple yet elegant craft perfect for home decor (and an idea for our fellowship table decor for this winter). A \$5 fee will cover necessary supplies. We can then share ideas for future sessions...there are many on Pinterest. So, join us, along with your friends, for a morning of crafting and inspiration!

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### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**January 20, 2025 – January 26, 2025**

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|-----------|------|---------------------|---|
| Monday    | 1/20 | 11:30 am<br>7:00 pm | Cards<br>AA/Alanon                                  |
| Tuesday   | 1/21 | 9:00 am             | Chair Yoga  |
| Wednesday | 1/22 | 9:00 am             | Women’s Bible Study                                 |
| Thursday  | 1/23 | 8:00 am<br>9:15 am  | ROMEOS<br>Chair Yoga                                |
| Sunday    | 1/26 | 9:00 am             | Worship in Person & live stream<br>(with communion) |

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### **OPENING HYMN: “What Wonderful Love is This”**

**#666 ELW**



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 † 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.**

## **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.**

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## **SCRIPTURE**

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### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5**

<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.

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

### **Psalm: 36:5-10**

<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.**

<sup>7</sup> 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 loving kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

<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.

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## **GOSPEL: 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.

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN: “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.

## **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.*

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. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. 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.**

## **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**

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.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**



By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN:      “Your Love is Everlasting”      Dakota Road**

Since time began, through centuries, God's love is everlasting  
To distant unknown galaxies, God's love is everlasting  
Splendor springs forth 'cross the land, God's love is everlasting  
Abundance, sharing hand in hand God's love is everlasting

Chorus:

Your love (your love) is lasting, Your love is everlasting

Your love (your love) is lasting , Your love is everlasting

A mother's womb, a brand new life, God's love is everlasting

An empty tomb, the risen Christ, God's love is everlasting

Weeping may last for the night, God's love is everlasting  
But joy breaks forth with morning light, God's love is everlasting (Chorus)

Signs of hope, a voice of peace, God's love is everlasting  
The prophet's cry for war to cease, God's love is everlasting  
For the down and out, for the high and proud, God's love is everlasting  
Come all you people shout out loud, God's love is everlasting (Chorus)

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz

Hospitality:

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

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