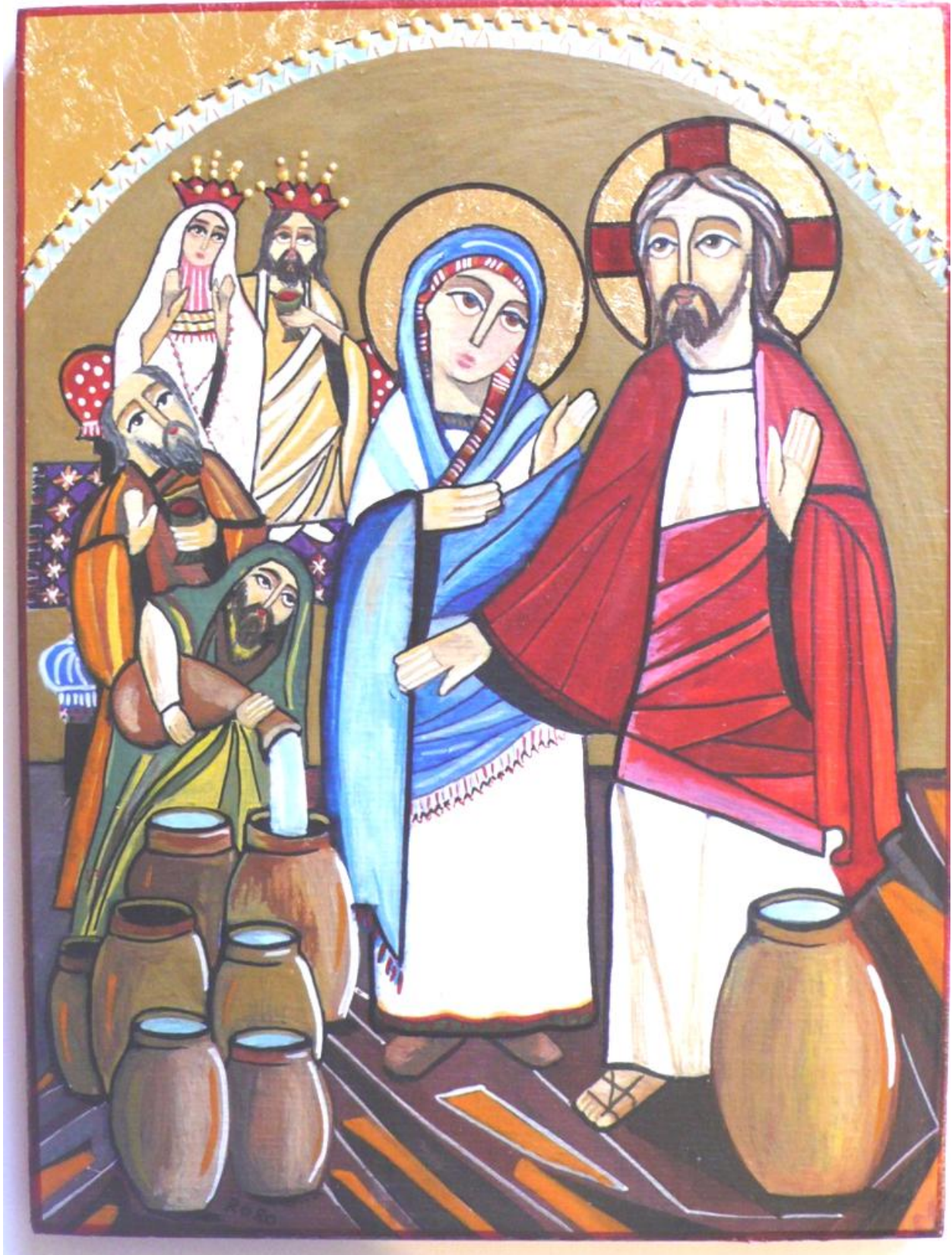


+The Divine Service+

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany | January 19, 2025 | 10:15AM



The Wedding at Cana

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

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

*[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting 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 mountains 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.

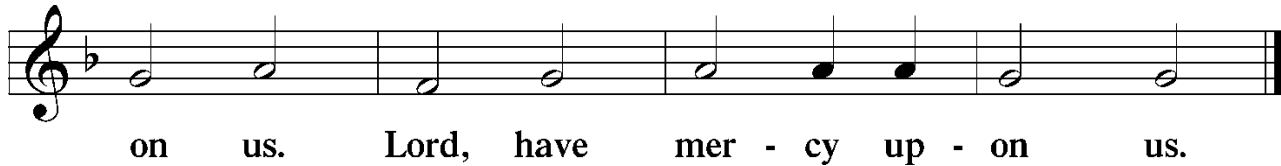
**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.



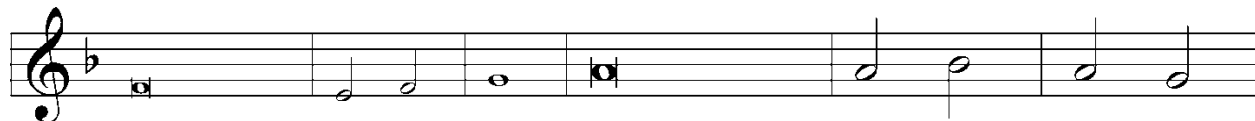
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and his banner over me was love.*

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis

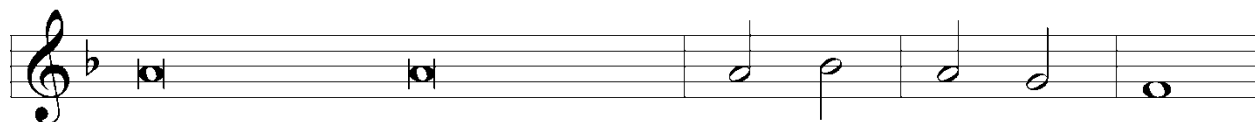
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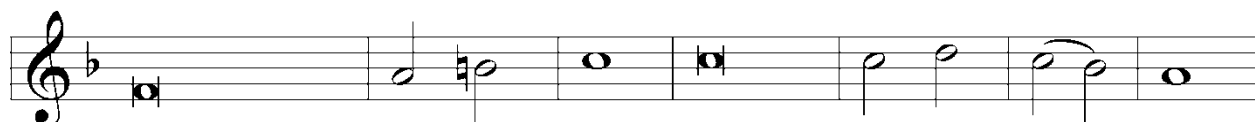
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



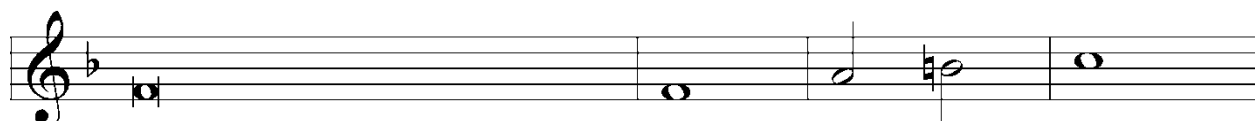
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



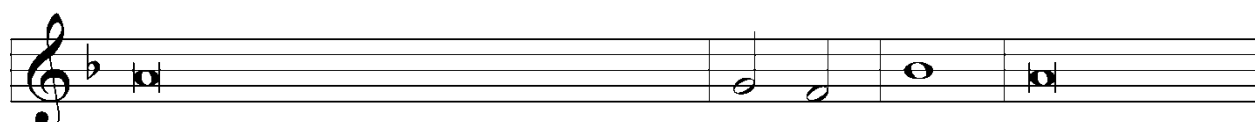
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



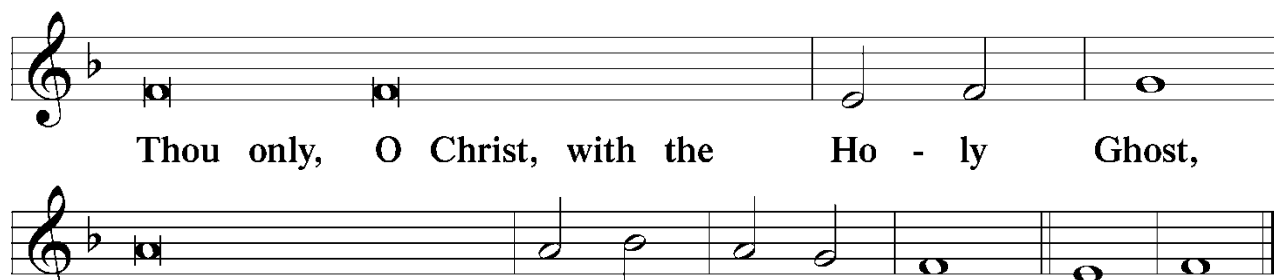
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

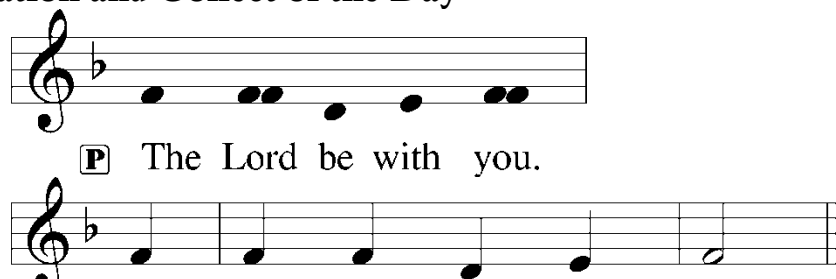


on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.




Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.
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.



C A - men.



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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

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The Gospel Procession | 872 Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

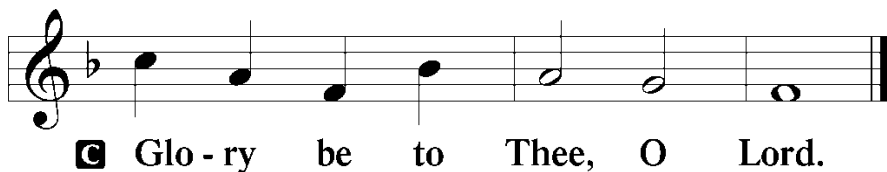
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Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

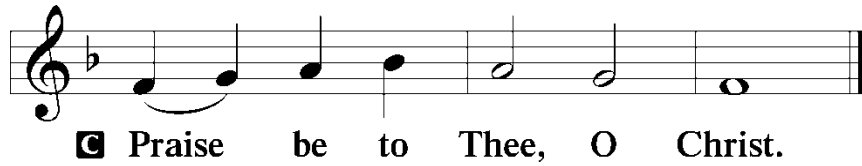


¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 402 The Only Son from Heaven

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

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Sit
The Offering

Stand
The Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

■ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit***Distribution**

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Distribution Hymn | 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

Distribution Hymn | 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

*Stand***The Dismissal**

¶ The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **■ Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

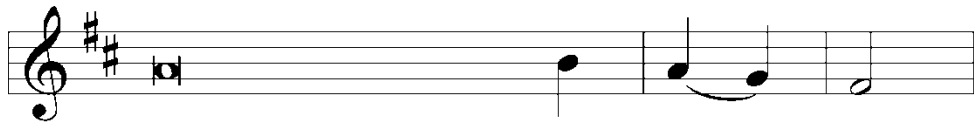
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

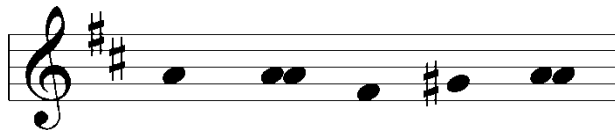
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation



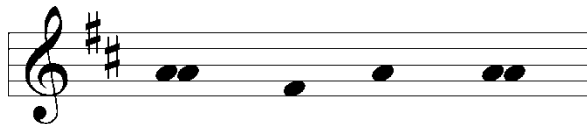
P The Lord be with you.



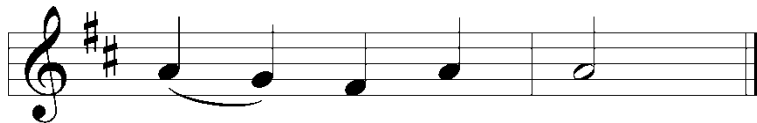
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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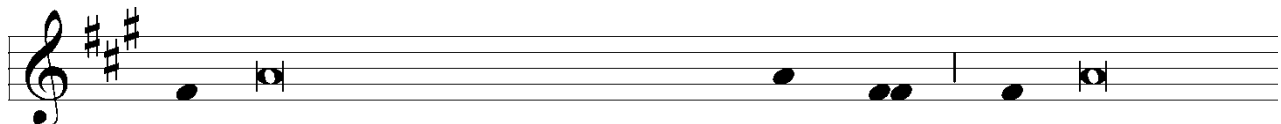
A Bless we the Lord.



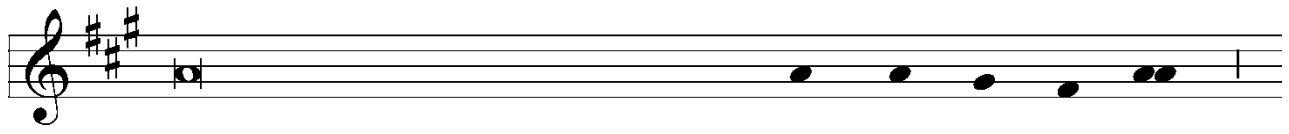
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

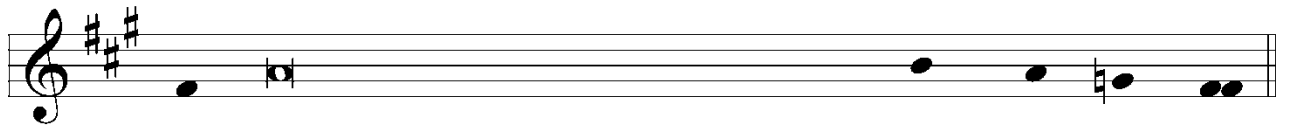
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast



The Wedding at Cana

A Meditation on the Word of God | John 2:1-11

Turning water into wine at Cana is called by St. John, **the first of his signs**. This doesn't just mean, "The first miracle Jesus did." It means our Lord's *primary* or *chief* miracle. The miracle at Cana is the lens through which all the other miracles are to be seen and interpreted.

When we consider the miracle in itself, it stands out from the other miracles of our Lord. In every other miracle of the Lord Jesus, the necessity is obvious: someone is drowning and needs to be saved; someone is hungry, or dying of sickness; someone is demon possessed. Most of the miracles of our Lord are done in the midst of desperate, life-and-death scenarios.

Not so, Cana. The guests are already well drunk. They don't need more wine. There is no necessity here, other than preventing a little embarrassment on the part of the bridegroom—it was his responsibility after all to bring enough wine to his own wedding, and so the blame for running out would rest on his shoulders. Christ our Lord comes to save the day because he is the *true* Bridegroom. He has come to end the divorce between Jews and Gentiles, between God and Man. Christ has come to wed himself to his Church and bring us all to the banqueting house of heaven where the feasting and rejoicing will go on in the presence of God forever.

The six stone jars were there for the ceremonial hand-washing commanded by the Jews. Jesus fills these jars up with water, and transforms the water into wine. That is, he does away with all the legalisms, all the self-righteous attempts of sinful man to keep the Law of God by our works, and he replaces them with the Gospel. Christ fills up the Law with his own perfect obedience and brings us his righteousness in the promise of the Gospel. The Gospel is like wine because it brings joy and gladness by proclaiming the Law fulfilled and sins forgiven in Christ. This gives us a joyful and happy conscience. Those who believe the Gospel are like guests at a wedding feast. Simply put, they are happy. They are released from guilt and fear.

Mary says, **They have no wine**. Jesus says, **My hour has not yet come**. Mary presents to Jesus the everyday problem. This gets Jesus thinking about his cross (the word '**hour**' in John's Gospel always means the 'hour' of his death). Jesus is thinking about the 'hour' when he will shed the wine of his blood for the life of the world. He offers that blood to God on the cross as payment for our sin. He offers that blood to you and me in the Lord's Supper. In the Lord's Supper, we drink the wine of the Gospel—the wine of Jesus' blood—that cleanses us of sins and gives us joyful hearts. The Lord's Supper is a foretaste of that great feast to come. On earth, we are given access to the heavenly banquet. On earth, we are given to taste heaven's joys.

Why is the Wedding at Cana the first—or the chief, the principal sign of our Lord? Think of the difference between John the Baptist and Jesus. John came with fasting, deserts, and a baptism of water. John was the ascetic—the one who renounced worldly pleasures. Jesus comes, bringing the Feast. When the bridegroom comes, the fast is over. Lent is over. The waiting is over. Christ brings Easter. Note that all of this happened **on the third day**. No coincidence there. Here, we have a picture of what the resurrection will be like. With death swallowed up and the serpent's head crushed, the elect will rejoice in the presence of the bridegroom eternally.

Announcements

St. Paul

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is today. A Collect for Life is added to the Prayer of the Church. A door offering for the Hope Clinic will be collected in the narthex. We give thanks for those who attended the Ft. Wayne March for Life yesterday, and for those who will be attending the National March for Life in D.C. from our parishes—we pray for safe travels and a good March. May God bless the efforts of our local, state, and national Right to Life movements. And may he make us willing servants in this effort to end abortion in our country!

Voters Assembly will be held on **Tuesday, January 21st at 7PM** with Elders and Council meetings taking place the evening before, **January 20th at 6PM and 7PM**. Join us. Paper copies of this agenda are available for pick up in the narthex today. We have much new business to attend to. A vote on women's suffrage will take place at this meeting. We invite you to attend.

Pulled Pork and Brisket for sale!! 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat—fundraiser. The 8th grade class is once again selling pulled brisket and pulled pork to help offset the costs of their confirmation retreat this year. We are thankful for the generosity of Pastor Mierow and St. Peter, Indy for again providing logistical support for the retreat that keeps our costs lower. Quart bags of cooked, freshly frozen meat will be available for \$15 (pork) and \$20 (brisket). Order forms are available (in bulletins, at Wyneken, at churches, etc.), and we ask they be returned by Sunday, February 2. Meat can be picked up on Sunday, February 9 at your church or as otherwise arranged with an 8th-grader or pastor.

Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) will take place Tuesday evenings **Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 2025 from 7-9:15PM** at Wyneken this year. Four courses are open to the public. Brochures with more information available in the narthex. The fee is \$10/course. Free to college, high school, and elementary students. Bring your own Bible. Enroll with your parish rep (Darrel Ehlerding) or at 6:30PM on the first night of classes, January 28th. Join us as we grow in Christ.

Collection for the Hope Clinic. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a Church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed:

Baby equipment: cribs/mattresses, pack n' plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors.

Baby care items: baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food, laundry soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack n' play sheets, baby wash cloths and hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs.

Supplies: diaper bags, bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6) and wipes, pull ups, sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn thru 7T), toys/boardgames (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5).

For our mothers, we need new or gently used maternity clothes and Instant Pot Cookers. Items not needed at this time are burp cloths, hats, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder/oil.

Laverne Borne will have totes in fellowship hall for items and will be glad to take your donation to the Hope Clinic. The Baby Shower ends March 31, 2025. Thank you!!

Youth

Join the Middle School text thread. Parents, join the Youth Remind Group for information and updates about events, return times, etc. Simply text @wynyouth to 81010.

Saturday, January 18; 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. – Northeast Indiana March for Life. The Rally will take place at University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W Berry St, Fort Wayne, IN, at 12 p.m. with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The March will start after the Rally.

Wyneken

Wyneken will host an open house on **January 26th, 2025 from 12-3PM**. This is an opportunity for any new families to visit our school, speak with school personnel, and learn more about the Christ-centered education our school provides. If you know of a family who would be interested in attending, please have them contact the school at 260-639-6177.

The Wyneken Childcare Program is growing into our next childcare room! Organizing and storing is always a part of growth. We are building shelving for storage and are in need of some major help. If God has blessed you with the gift of carpentry, we could use donations of lumber and/or help building shelving units for our closets. If this is something you'd be interested in helping with, please contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064 or email childcare@wyneken.org or jconrad@wyneken.org.

District/Community

Indiana District Family Life Ministry Summit. “Redeeming These Days: Marriage & Family in Today’s Society. January 30th, 10-2PM at the Indiana District Office. \$15 includes lunch. Register now at <https://indianadistrictlcms.regfox.com/redeeming-these-days-flm-summit>. Only 60 seats available-no more than two per congregation please. Speaker: Gary Zieroth. Questions, email Ken Schilf schilfmeister@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign. Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on **Tuesday, March 4th at 5:30 PM** in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin our 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info please visit www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849.

Craft for a Cause. Saturday, March 1 7AM-7PM at Bethlehem Luth. Church, Ossian. Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food, and uninterrupted crafting fun!! Registration includes: ½ of an 8’ table workspace with padded chair, continental

breakfast, lunch and dinner, goodie bags, progressive bingo for prizes, snack and beverage station. Early bird discount: register by Feb 1 for only \$30, \$35 after Feb 1. Please direct inquiries to deannrene@outlook.com or 616-894-0144. Mail form (in narthex) and check payable to Women of Bethlehem to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, c/o Deann Oliver, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN, 46777.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 19	8AM The Second Sunday after Epiphany—Matins 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15AM The Second Sunday after Epiphany—D.S. 11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction
Monday, January 20	6PM Elders Meeting—Pastor's Study 7PM Council Meeting—Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 21	9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class 7PM Voters Assembly—Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 22	7PM Choir Practice 7PM Divine Service
Thursday, January 23	7PM Adult Catechism—downstairs classrooms 7PM Ladies Aid business meeting
Sunday, January 26	8AM The Third Sunday after Epiphany—D.S. 9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15AM The Third Sunday after Epiphany—D.S. 11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sanctity of Life Sunday:** for an end to abortion in this country.
- +**Our nation:** on the eve of the presidential inauguration—for Donald our President-elect and James our Vice President-elect, for the Congress of the United States and that of this State, for Federal, State, and Local Judiciaries, and for all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
- +**Sick and recovering:** Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Carolyn Voshell, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson, Kelly Skove, Karley Walker.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Laurina Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Helen Bulmahn, Elizabeth Huff, Kord Fuelling, Emma Keane, Gary Selking, Paul Mesing, Eden Brege.

Acolytes 1/19

8AM Evan Sovine

10:15AM Drew Kolter

Attendance

7PM 1/8: 35

8AM 1/12: 114

10:15AM 1/12: 102

Stewardship

Offering week 52: \$22,098.81

Online: \$0.00

Total: \$22,098.81

vs. weekly goal: +\$14,610.81 (needed for the week: \$9,675.00)

vs. YTD 2024 *final*: +\$29,731.60



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