

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Meditation on *Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness* by Mark Meuser

The prelude is based on this morning's opening hymn, a German Lutheran tune by Johann Cruger. The piece begins with a counter melody. It is eventually joined by the actual hymn tune, played in the pedal. The tune moves to the treble voice, after which the piece closes repeating the counter melody.

Please stand

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00am service)

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. For-**

give us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 488 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!



All: 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

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. 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 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. 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 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. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 2nd chapter of John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 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 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." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir (8:15am) “Hope of the World” by Llyod Larson

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; a humble Servant, Savior, Friend; God’s only Son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end.

Refrain: Amazing love! How great a Savior! Christ comes to set us free.
A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see.
Amazing love for you and me!

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself.
Jesus walked the lonesome valley, despised, rejected and alone.
And alone; He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens.
He had to bear them all alone. Jesus bore them all alone. *Refrain*

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

HYMN 696 “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

APOSTLES’ CREED (*Saturday and 8:15am services only*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

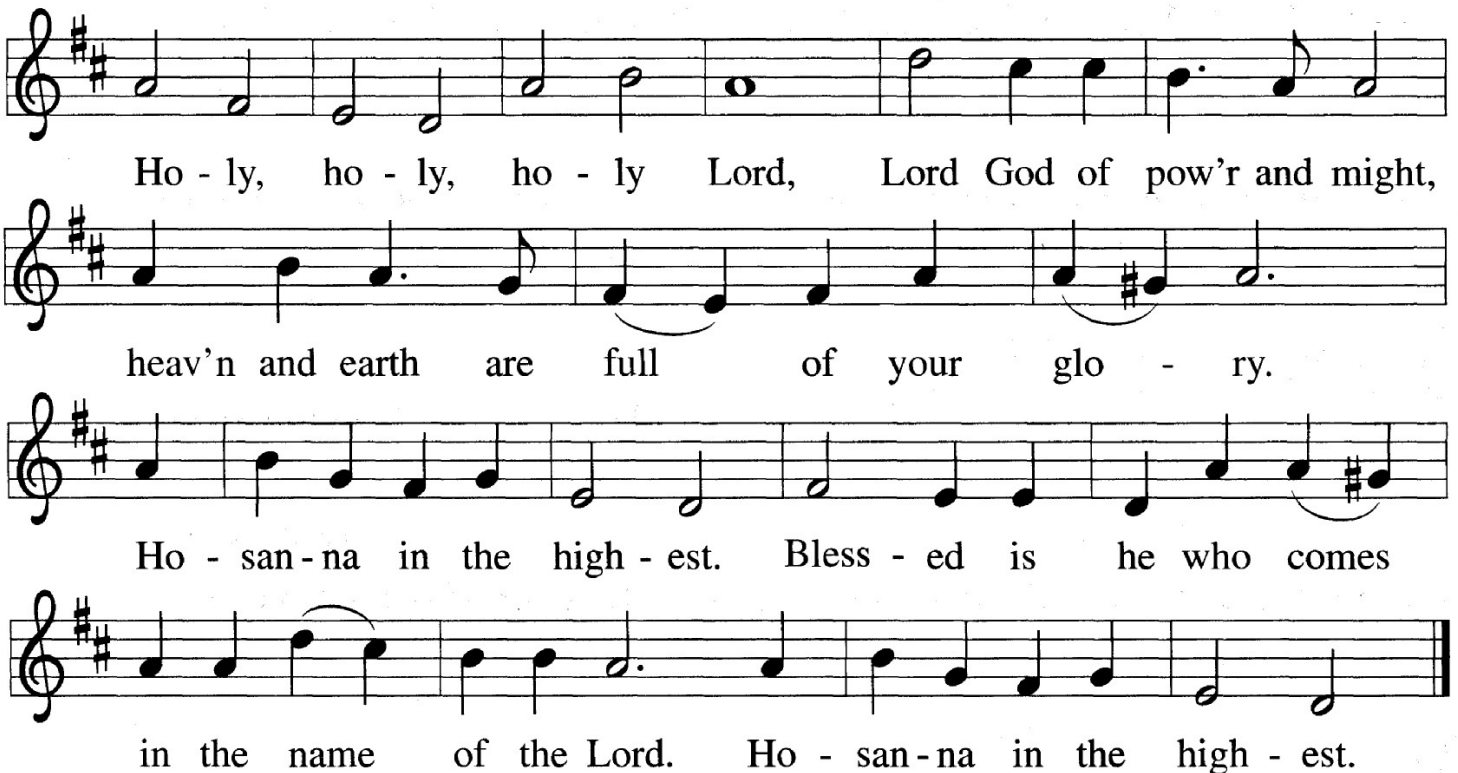
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 774 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”


DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C Major*

by Johann Pachelbel



Psalms 36:5-10

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

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

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

Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Second Sunday after the Epiphany – January 16, 2022

“And his disciples believed in him.” ~ John 2:11

Jesus constantly reveals himself to us. Sometimes revelation comes in a way that is clear and direct. At other times, we receive only hints, suggestions, or subtle indications God is near and God is here for us. These “epiphanies” are rare and odd, but they are wonderful because they give us a glimpse into something deep and mysterious. An epiphany is a manifestation of God.

In this reading, we’re at a wedding. Not at the actual marriage ceremony but at the after-party. Jesus, his disciples, and mother are there. “They have no wine,” Jesus’s mother says to him. “Woman, what does that have to do with me? It’s not our party.” Even though it’s the wrong time and the wrong place, 180 gallons of water are transformed into the very best wine without Jesus even speaking!

Jesus’s disciples saw “glory” and “believed in him” (vs. 11.) What did they believe? What was the glory they saw? John gives us no explanation.

Maybe that’s the way it is with these unexpected epiphanies. Explanation is beside the point. We’ve had some mystical, undeniable, but still inexplicable experience. We know that somehow the veil has been pulled back. We have been given a vision, maybe just a glimpse, of something going on beneath, some strange but wonderful presence breaking in among us, an epiphany.

These mystical, strange, visionary experiences are not an argument that Jesus is God’s Son. Perhaps they are pointing us to believe that something more is going on with Jesus than just meets the eye.

We should not base our whole faith on these epiphanies. Perhaps God gives us these unexpected, inexplicable moments in order to push us toward faith. Maybe to get us thinking or moving us while the Holy Spirit takes our experience and transforms US into believing.

Hopefully you have been given an epiphany by God. If you haven’t, my bet is that you will. And when that veil is pulled back, when you are given a peek, a glimpse into the eternal, enjoy it, delight in that unexpected and undeserved gift.

Jesus shows up at a wedding party, or at your job, or your classroom, or while doing the dinner dishes. Hold on to your hat! You may experience some glory. You might walk away saying, “I believe.”