



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome!*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

*Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.      **Congregation: Amen.***

*L: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another. (silence for reflection)  
Most merciful God,*

**C: 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.**

*L: 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. **C: Amen.***

*Gathering Hymn – Now the Feast and Celebration #167*

*Refrain: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forever more!*

- 1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. Refrain.*
- 2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain.*
- 3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God; to make all things new. Refrain.*

***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.***

## *Scripture Readings*

Isaiah 62:1-5 p. 604

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.**

Psalms 36:5-10 p. 443

<sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.  
<sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
<sup>10</sup>O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 p. 933

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

John 2:1-11 p. 863

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.**

*Children's Message and Sermon*

Pastor Curt Matz

*Hymn of the Day – Spirit of Gentleness #396*

*Refrain:* Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain.*
2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*
3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain.*
4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain.*

*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.**

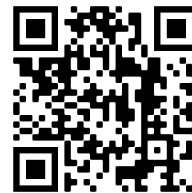
*Installation of 2022 Church Council*

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "God of grace," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

## *Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
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### *Offering Hymn – All Creatures, Worship God Most High #835 (v. 1-4)*

1. All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing; sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Offering 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.**

### *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to 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.**

## *Announcements*

- Bible Study resumes tomorrow at 10am! Lower level of the church
- Our thanks to Bob Thoma for troubleshooting the loose elevator handrail – and then fixing it
- Important dates: Confirmation/Youth Group next Sunday. Loving Families Host Week begins Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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