**2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 19, 2025

**AS WE GATHER** The First of Many

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus’ whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

**HYMN** “The Churches One Foundation” LW **289** please use the hymnal

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

P: Great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**C: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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: Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 62:1–5*

(“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

(The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose—that God may be glorified and His church edified.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 2:1–11* (The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned

water into wine.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**C: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair” *LW* **87**

**SERMON** “Sign for the Time” John 2:1-11

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Glory Be to Jesus” video hymn

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary LW **90**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING** *Psalm 118:1*

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**C: for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” LW **218**