

**Second Sunday After Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
January 19, 2025**

**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.  
We pray you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,  
and we look forward to seeing you again!**



*The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

(from Sundays and Seasons 2024)

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**P:** This is the day that the Lord has made,

**All:** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**OPENING WORDS OF FAITH**

from Psalm 36

**P:** Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All:** Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

**P:** How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**All:** They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

P: For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**All: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

**GATHERING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW# 834**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our Salvation.

**All: Amen**

P: There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. United in Christ, let us confess and profess our faith together in the words of the Apostles creed.

**All: 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.**

*(Silence for a time of self-reflection)*

P: We come confessing that you would forgive and renew us; that you would shine the light of your mercy in our hearts and on our paths.

**All: Lead us out of the darkness of our sin, guide us to Christ, and let us, like the wise men, bow down before the one you sent to redeem the world.**

P: Hear the Good News: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May the Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**All: Amen.**

**KYRIE**

page 147 (*in front of hymnal*)

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

page 149-150 (*in front of hymnal*)

**GREETING**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Lord God,

**All: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**OLD TESTAMENT 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Lord, Be Glorified”**

**ELW# 744**



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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**GOSPEL READING**

John 2:1-11

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

**All: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

Bishop Dee Pederson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

**ELW# 661**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

*The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”*

**SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

### **OFFERING AND MUSIC**

*We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.*

*Your offering can be received in the offering plate, by doing a one time or recurring gift via the website or by snapping on QR Code to the right.*



*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray: 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.

**All: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*Please be seated.*

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.  
Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.  
Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.  
Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a  
continuous manner, then return to your seats via the side aisles.  
If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

<i>“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”</i>	ELW# 461
<i>“What Feast of Love”</i>	ELW# 487
<i>“Will You Come and Follow Me”</i>	ELW# 798

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the body and blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us join our hearts in prayer. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of hope for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## SENDING BLESSING

P: God, who rejoices over you and calls you by name, ☩ blesses your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**All: Amen.**

ENDING HYMN	<i>“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”</i>	ELW# 543
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## SENDING WORDS

L: Go in peace to serve and to love God and neighbor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### **This Week's Calendar**

#### **Today, Sunday, January 19: Second Sunday following Epiphany**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am          Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am          Worship with Holy Communion

#### **Tuesday, January 21:**

9:00 am          Quilting

#### **Wednesday, January 22:**

6:00 pm          Mission Possible

7:00 pm          Confirmation

#### **Sunday, January 26: Third Sunday following Epiphany**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am          Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am          Worship

10:45 am        Deacons and Worship Meeting

### **\*\*\* A Reminder About Inclement Weather \*\*\***

For *Sunday morning worship and Preschool Sunday School programming*, you can find details on worship being cancelled on both the "Christ Lutheran Church Cottonwood, MN" FaceBook page and on Marshall Radio. If weather makes worship unsafe, a truncated worship service will try to be recorded and made available on YouTube.

For *Wednesday evening programming*, we follow the school district. If school is canceled, an early out (due to weather) or no evening activities, there will be no Mission Possible or Confirmation sessions that evening.



— **Thank You For Serving This Sunday, January 19, 2025** —

**Ushers:** Shawn Myers, Josh Anderson, Greg Bossuyt, Scott Hanson, Greg Lund, Gary Morken, Tracy Sterner

**Musician:** Krishana Dempcy

**Acolyte:** Benen Keleher

**Assisting Minister:** Neil Dovre

**Communion:** Jayla Post and Conner Moseng, Susanne Lee, Greg Golberg, and Corey Moseng

**PA:** Ryan Fromm and Larry Isaackson

**Video:** Bev Isaackson and Jon Myrvik

**Altar Care:** Michelle Moseng and Heather Velde

**Counters:** Parry Bossuyt and Deb Louwagie

**Clothed With Love:** Victoria Praus

RESOLUTIONS



Have you made any resolutions for the New Year? How are they working for you? Are you following through on them? Have you already abandoned them?

Perhaps we could make monthly resolutions! Resolve to do something each month!

A worthy monthly goal would be to give regularly to the ELCA World Hunger Program. People who are hungry and challenged with food insecurity in over 60 countries around the world and most states in our own country are served by this program sponsored by our church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Please consider a monetary gift this month and every month of this year to help the hungry. Use the designated envelope at church or give directly at [elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger).

Happy New Year!

## Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### **Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Jill Boehne, Morgan Dale, Linda Magnuson,  
Norman Myers, Bobby Olson, Ione Olson,

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives. Areas at war: Ukraine and Israel.

### **Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:**

Darleen Cole, Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth,  
Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie Pickthorn, Steve Pederson,  
Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt, June Schwartz

### **Families of our Congregation:**

Les, Kim, Kiegan, Breckin Tyden, Tovah, and Tenlie Marczak  
Shailey Marczak  
Brandi and Garrett Maxwell, Liam, Jayce, and Nova Geihl

### **Grieving Families:**

The family of Darlene Cole

### **Seminarian:**

Katherine (Kit) Mackenzie

### **Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions:**

Mfolozi Circuit and ELCSA, Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica, Kikatiti  
Secondary School in Tanzania, and World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)

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