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## The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 24 *Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*

**Liturgy** Page 12 ff. in The Worship Supplement

**Old Testament Lesson** Exodus 33:12-23 Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.' Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people."

And He said, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest."

Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth." So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

**Epistle Lesson** Romans 12:6-16 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

**Hymn** 134 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

**Sermon** John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

## **The God Who Turns Water into Wine...**

**The Offertory**

**Hymn** 757 *Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Hymn** 39:1-2, 5 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**ANNUAL MEETING** All voting members are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting that will be held immediately after the service. In addition to regular Board reports, agenda items to-date include: setting our CBP estimate; Lenten Schedule; date for the April meeting; Convention Delegates (June 24-27, 2021). There will also be a discussion on the grant money and the \$1,000 spending limit for the Board of Trustees as they make needed repairs and additions to the property. Questions have arisen about setting a tentative date for the church anniversary. If you have items for the voters to consider, please bring them to the attention of Ron Strike as soon as possible.

“CBP” stands for “Cooperative Budget Plan” and is an estimate that congregations submit to the church body so that they can set up a proper budget for our work as a synod. From our perspective, this is the money that is given for Missions and does not include specific funds, such as the MDF (Mission Development Fund – used for non-budgetary expenses in the foreign field) or the IIF (ILC Improvement Fund – used for extra-budgetary expenses at our campus in Eau Claire).

**THANK YOU** A special thanks to Duane Voit for removing the massive amounts of snow from the property yesterday.

**BIRTHDAY** Herman Eigenberg will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 5. If you'd like to send a card: 290 Riverbluff Drive, Windom, MN 56101.

**ANNUAL REPORT** If you have items for the annual report, please email them or put them in the pastor's mailbox. Be sure to take a look at the calling tree and make sure we have your up-to-date contact information.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Mark Tiefel, Lynnwood, WA has the call to Cheyenne.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 3) M. DeWall, S. DeWall, J. Jensen  
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