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## 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.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 129 *Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing*

**Liturgy** Page 5ff. in the Lutheran Hymnal

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is His faithfulness.

+ WS 742:1-2 +

**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.

**Gospel Lesson** 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.

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

**Sermon** 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you;” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you” .... And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

# Our Wonderful Body

CLC Ministry by Mail, Pastor Michael Eichstadt

**The Offertory**

**Hymn** 767 *Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

**Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** 464:1-4 *Blest be the Tie That Binds*

**THANK YOU** We owe a special thanks to Dr. Sumei for taking today’s service on very short notice. We all appreciate the fine job that he always

does. The pastor is currently in quarantine and should be back to his regular schedule early this week.

**ANNUAL MEETING** Today's Voters Meeting will be held immediately after the potluck meal at noon. There is one membership matter: Justin Winters has requested a transfer to Messiah, Eau Claire. Other items: setting our CBP estimate; delegates for Convention; church rental inquiry; date for the April meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORT** If you have items for the annual report, please email them or put them in the pastor's mailbox.

Please also take a look at the calling tree to make sure we have the correct contact information.

**GET ON THE ARK** Pastor em. Daniel Fleischer has just published a book by that title. A limited number of copies is available. Checks (\$10) should be written to Karen Strike (she paid for them vs. the hassle of having them on consignment).

**BASKETBALL** The annual Mankato Tournament will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 20. The CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 11-13.

**CLC NEWS** Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5-8, beginning with the 2022 school year. Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mountain View, CA has the call to Winter Haven, FL. Professor John Ude is considering the call to Eden Prairie. Mr. Andrew Roehl, Eau Claire, is considering the call to Valentine, NE.

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**USHERS** 01/16 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
01/23 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
01/30 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 4) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumey  
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