Second Sunday after Epiphany  January 16, 2022
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Five

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
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.

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.
Amen.
Nyt jälkeen ja se on viisaasti jättänyt laulusaarnetan eikä halunnut heidän käsittää yksityiskohtaisia tekojaan. Tämä ei ole vain vahvuus, vaan myös ystävänlynyt avoin notaus. Niin on laulusaarnetan tavalla, joka on selkeä ja yksilöllinen.}

*The Finnish stanza repeats the last line of music.}

Mus.: NYT YLÖS, SIELUNI, Finnish folk tune
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GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
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.  

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people’s return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

1For 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.
2 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 L ORD will give.
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the L ORD,
   and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4 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 L ORD delights in you,
   and your land shall be married.
5 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your love, O L ORD, reaches 1 to the heavens,
   and your faithfulness 1 to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like 1 the great deep;
   you save humankind and ani-1 mals, O L ORD. R
7 How priceless is your 1 love, O God!
   All people take refuge under the shadow 1 of your wings.
8 They feast upon the abundance 1 of your house;
   you give them drink from the river of 1 your delights.
9 For with you is the 1 well of life,
   and in your light 1 we see light.
10 Continue your lovingkindness to 1 those who know you,
   and your favor to those who are 1 true of heart. R

SECOND READING I Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God’s Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 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.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 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. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

stand

Alleluia

Jesus revealed his glory,* and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:11)

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus’ signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God’s creative power and joyful presence into the world.

After the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, “Fill them with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9When 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 10and 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.” 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Strasser
HYMN OF THE DAY  

**stand** Jesus, Come! For We Invite You  

**HYMN 312**  

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca-na's wed-ding, 
paths un-known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser-vants, 
pow'r di- vine; give your un-ex-pect-ed glo-ry, 
to re-ceive more than we can yet im-ag-ine,  

speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or 
let us trust in you a-lone: though your hand may work in 
chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine: rouse the faith of your dis-
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid-den 

doubt-ing, hope be born and joy re-stored. 
se-cret, all shall see what you have done. 
ci-ples—come, our first and great-est Sign! 
rich- es, taste your love, be-lieve, and live!  

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**APOSTLES’ 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.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You may share your intercessions by posting in the comments section.

People with long term prayer needs are: Girma, Jimmy, John, Clement, Katie J., Alan, Katie, Mickey, Robert L.

Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world.

Gracious God, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives in witness to your love and truth. Inspire us with the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross. We lament historical injustice — and we pray that you bless indigenous peoples, descendants of Africans, and all immigrants to this land, and that you form us into a nation in which all are honored in equal measure. Give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to your Son’s victory over sin and death.

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We pray for the grieving families of the victims of the apartment fire in the Bronx last Sunday. May they know your consolation and the love of this city.

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We lament the sadness and tiredness that we all know because of the coronavirus. We pray that you bring strength for teachers and parents, health to the sick, resilience to health workers, and vaccinations to everyone.

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

We forget that You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transitions. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love.

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

Behold today these people for whom we pray, especially…

the family and friends of Mary Katherine Jordan at her passing, the family and friends of John O’Donnell’s sister, Violet Oggeri, who passed away last Sunday, and for those whose names we bring to you now, each in our own way…

Lord, In your mercy, receive our prayers.

Bring healing, comfort, and strength to us all. When we fear, keep our eyes on the marvel of Christ, by whose grace and forgiveness we find patience and certainty. In His mighty name we pray. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

All now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

MEAL  sit  God gives us a foretaste of the feast to come

OFFERING for God’s work through our church

Offering envelopes are available in the pews. You may also make your offering online (www.stlukesnyc.org) using the “Offering” button, or mail to the church. Alternatively, open the camera on your phone and scan this code to make a donation electronically.

ANTHEM  Epiphany Carol  Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold. Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call. Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain’s crest, where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

The offerings are brought forward. Bread and wine are placed on the altar.
OFFERTORY 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  

Amen.

OUR FATHER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
COMMUNION  

We confess joyfully that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Sacrament under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all baptized and communing Christians to join us. Anyone not receiving communion is welcome to come and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest when you reach the pastor. Please keep socially distanced during communion. After receiving communion you may return to your seats by the side aisles.

HYMN  In This Feast of Love  TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ  ACS 962

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HYMN: What Feast of Love

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
3. What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?

What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Now, Lord, you let your servant go

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your
Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✝️ bless your going out and your coming in,
Today and forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS   sit
SENDING SONG  stand  Now the Silence  Now

Now the silence
Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted

Now the kneeling
Now the plea
Now the Father’s arms in welcome

Now the hearing
Now the pow’r
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring

Now the body
Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration

Now the wedding
Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping

Now the Spirit’s visitation
Now the Son’s epiphany

Now the Father’s blessing
Now

HYMN 460

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DISMISSAL
Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Prelude on “Now the Silence”  Charles W. Ore (b. 1936)

Please leave in silence for those who remain to enjoy the Postlude
Refrain from loitering in the building for your safety. Pastor will greet people outside after worship.

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Arden C. Strasser
Organist/Choir Director: Cantor Pedro d’Aquino
Lector: Ernie Vickroy
Ushers: Volunteers

Assisting Minister: Mike Brouwer
Saint Luke’s Choir
Videographer: David Lally

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Welcome, visitors! Saint Luke’s pleased to welcome visitors from near and far. We pray that your worship with us will be a rich experience. Please sign our Guest Registry in the Narthex. Stay connected with Saint Luke’s – enter your email address when you sign our Guest Registry.
Restrooms:

Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.

Men: follow the signs to the 2nd Floor restroom.

There is a Drinking Fountain located next to the Ladies Restroom.

Worship Protocols: Public health and safety is important. The most important safe practice is to keep your mask on indoors. Seating is socially distanced. We provide plenty of fresh air, outdoor fellowship, and sanitizers on hand. Our greeters are masked. While outdoors, masks are optional. The passing of the peace will be more flexible, allowing for hand shaking only for those who wish to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and special Occasions this coming week: Mark Hanke (today, 1/16), Mike Brouwer (1/19), Veanne Cox (1/19), Emmet MacDonagh (1/20), Tricia and Rian Wilkinson (1/20)

THE NEW YORK DIAKONIA PROGRAM - All are Welcome! Five Weekly Classes beginning this Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Our next mini-course is “Christian Worship” and you’re invited. Have you ever wondered why we worship the way we do? Would you like to learn more about the sacraments, the liturgy, or the seasons of the church year? We’ll learn about the biblical roots of our worship and the diversity of worship across our national church. The course will be taught by our own Pastor Martha Jacobi and be held Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Zoom. We invite you to attend a class to try it out! For anyone interested in this study program, the cost of this course for new members is just $35. Email the Office if you are interested and for more information.

2022 Offering envelopes are available. If you use the boxed envelope sets, please see Bob to receive yours.

The 2022 Lutheran Church Year calendars are available in the Narthex.

Weekday Morning Prayer – 8:00 am. Our daily online Morning Prayer service, every weekday at 8 AM, is live streamed (online only) at www.facebook.com/StLukesNewYork. A short 15 minutes with scripture and reflection to start your day right and strengthen your faith. You’re invited.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 12:00 Noon Wednesdays. If you can’t attend a regular Sunday service, or would like to celebrate Communion during the week, join us for this intimate worship experience.

Worship assistants are needed – you can help. Consider volunteering on a Sunday to serve in an altar leadership role. If you’ve never done it but have been thinking about it, speak to Bob or someone you’ve seen serve. They will gladly walk with you and introduce you to helping in our worship services. Try it sometime this year.

Interested in joining our Choir? The choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. New members are welcome - if you are interested, please speak with Pedro for more information.

Your gifts to the Flower Fund are always welcome. Consider donating for a particular Sunday for the Memory or Honor of a loved one, to commemorate an important date in your life, or for the Glory of God’s house and Blessings received. Email the office with the details and date in advance please. Your offering may be submitted using a Pew Envelope, through our website, or mail your check to the church.

This Week at Saint Luke’s

TODAY — January 16
Second Sunday after Epiphany
9:30 am Service of the Word
11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
6:00 pm Church Council meeting on Zoom

MONDAY — January 17
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live

TUESDAY — January 18
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY — January 19
OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
12:00 Noon Holy Communion
6:30 to 9:30 pm Diakonia Class on Zoom

THURSDAY — January 20
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm Soup Kitchen
6:30 to 9:30 pm Diakonia Class on Zoom

FRIDAY — January 21
8:00 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, January 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service of the Word 9:30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.

Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah

Saint Luke’s is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation.
We welcome all who are seeking God’s love, regardless of race or culture, economic or life situation, sexual orientation or gender identity, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, spouses and partners are welcome. Your uniqueness enriches our community.

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