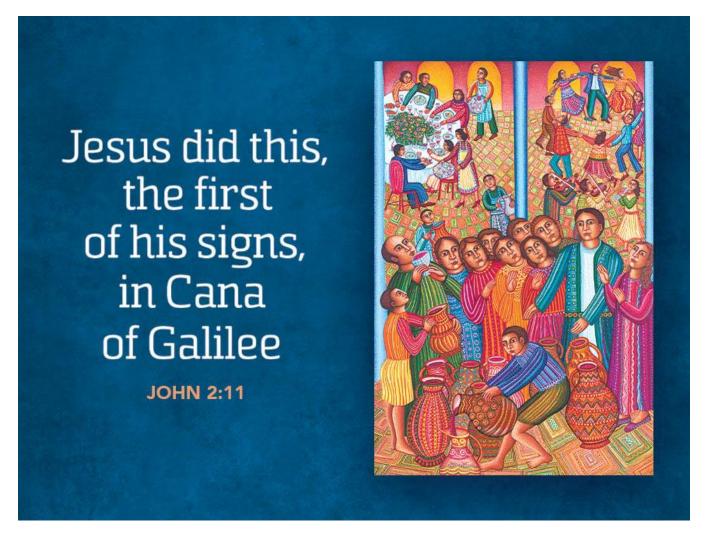
SECONG SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022 • 9:00 am



WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

A note to first time visitors:

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.

Small children are welcome in worship

"Busy bags" for young children are available in the "Good Shepherd" room adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P 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.

P 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



ENTRANCE HYMN "The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing"



Text: Graham Kendrick

Music: THE FEAST IS READY, Graham Kendrick

GREETING

- P 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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____SERVICE OF THE WORD_____

FIRST READING

- L Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

- L Word of God, Word of Life.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

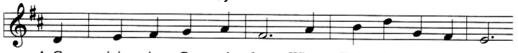


HOLY GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Join in Cana's Feast"



- 1 Come, join in Ca na's feast Where Christ is hon-ored guest.
 2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a part.
- 2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a part. 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids wa ter turn to wine.
- 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine \sup plied \triangle 5 For $\;$ now He lives and reigns Through all $\;$ e ter ni ty



He wel-comes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed. No long - er can it sat - is - fy The yearn-ing, thirst - ing heart. He fills our emp-ty cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine. By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the cru - ci - fied. With Fa - ther, Spir - it, Three in One, The glo-rious Trin - i - ty.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

P God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

____SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT_____

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

People: We praise you, O God.

Pastor: We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

People: We thank you, O God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Remembering his love for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,

by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

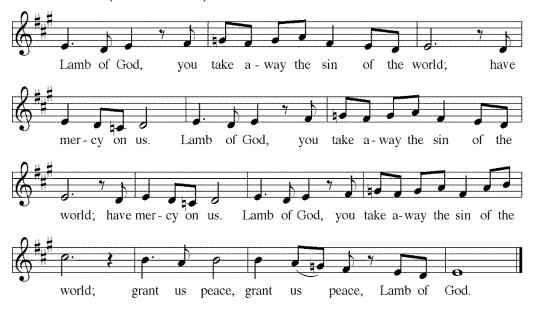
All: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.

DISTRIBUTION SONG ""Now in This Banquet" (Cantor sings verses; all sing refrain)











You who have touched us and graced us with love, make us your people of goodness and light. **Refrain**

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love; open our eyes to the glory of God. **Refrain**

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk, bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way. **Refrain**

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind:

"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind". **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ♥)

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,

make us your people again. **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ♥)

Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!

We shall arise to be children of light. **Refrain in canon** (Men/boys begin; Women/girls begin at arrow. ♥)

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

- P Let us pray:
- We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your love. 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

BLESSING

- P 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.
- Amen
- P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.
- Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN



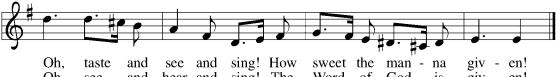
- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en. This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, see hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en! and see and sing! The giv - en! Oh, Son of God is taste and

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings. You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.



Hope for the Journey Home Service Week February 20-26

Let's Help our Neighbors! Please sign up now!

Grace of God is scheduled to volunteer at the shelter February 20-26. There are 3 ways to sign up volunteer:

- 1. Use the online sign up https://www.timetosignup.com/hjhshelter/sheet/1320462
- 2. Use the paper sign up sheet located in the fellowship area.
- 3. Connect with Audrey Gilman after church, by phone 651-352-2888 or by email aggilman@comcast.net

Dinner shift-- available starting between 4:30-5PM and ending between 7:00-7:30PM. Help prepare dinner and serve guests.

Light housekeeping tasks to complete.

Overnight shift-- Overnight volunteers have a private room and private bathroom. Overnight shift is from 8:00 pm to 9:00 am.

As in the past, if you choose to serve at the shelter you'll need a background check (every 3 years) and if you haven't already done so, safe environment training will need to be completed.

Here are some of the Covid safety practices being used at the shelter:

- 1. All families, volunteers and staff are masked when in any common areas of the house
- 2. Enhanced cleaning practices are being used at the shelter.
- 3. Plexiglass barriers are at all guests tables and are at the serving counter
- 4. There are 2 overnight volunteer rooms. The rooms are aired out and sprayed after each use and the bathroom is wiped down as well.
- 5. Unvaccinated adult guests are tested weekly. Children will be tested if an adult family member tests positive or if there is an outbreak at the child's school and or classroom.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS TODAY at 10:15 am

PARENTS CAN FEEL FREE TO ...

- drop off children for Sunday School at 10:15 and pick them up again at 11:00
- stay with your children during Sunday School class
- enjoy coffee in the entryway during Sunday School with other adults
- join in on the Adult Bible study that will take place at the same time



NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

begins **TODAY** at 10:15 am. We will be going through the entire Bible using amazing, animated video introductions from the Bible Project.

wherever you are on your search, you are always welcome at GRACE OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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