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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
January 16, 2022

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Though Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors,** if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

Prelude Music

**“If I Believe in Jesus”
“All Are Welcome”**

**Dakota Road Music
Dakota Road Music**

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

***Confession of Sins and Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the 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.

(Time 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.**

Song of Praise:

“Good Soil”

W&P #52

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

***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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For 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: 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

**¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All 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:**

"Celtic Alleluia"

vv. 1&2

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**1. Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.
Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak
are everlasting life.**

**2. The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
through God's Son: Jesus Christ.**

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***Gospel: John 2:1-11**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
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 the jars 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

**ELW #310
vv. 1,2&4**

**1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

***Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church:**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

ELW #751

(Sung Prayer Response)

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

come and listen to me.

***Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

“Shines the Light”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ through Calvary Lutheran. The act of offering is an act of worship, wherever and whenever it is done. Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

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.

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

***The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

ELW #531

- 1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Chorus

**Sing with thankfulness
Songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in
Heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the
Table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.**

**2. Tables are laden with good things;
Oh, taste the peace and joy He brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine.**

Chorus

**3. The hungry heart He satisfies,
Offers the poor His paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord.**

Chorus

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

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.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

May God who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
‡ bless you now and at the day of his coming. **Amen.**

***Sending Song: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

ELW #545

**1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

**3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

***Dismissal**

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

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Duane Aschenbrenner, 1/17; Barb Jensen, 1/18;
Jan Van Newkirk, 1/19; Penny Stevens, 1/19

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **Juanita Gibbs**, **Mary Jo Huelle**, **Jean Collins** (hip replacement surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Jan Van Newkirk** (back surgery), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Maeve Singer** (medical issues—Nick & Lindsey Singer's 6 month old daughter), **Alice Braaten** (rehab), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **Liam** (diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy—Jude Walker's great grandson), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers of comfort and peace: For the family and friends of **Sharon Kaufman** (Steve Kaufman's sister-in-law)

Prayers for: those dealing with the grief & destruction caused by the Colorado Wildfires and the December Tornadoes, **Austin & Teighlor** (facing hard decision in regard to son Liam—Jude Walker's granddaughter & husband).

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JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Cereal

BACKPACKS: 16oz Peanut butter

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



Fighting Malaria



WOMEN OF THE ELCA JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:

The WELCA mission project for January will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Donations may be made. Be sure to designate WELCA on the envelope.

Endowment Fund application forms are due. These funds may be used for outreach: Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local.



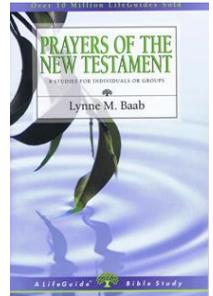
Coffee and Fellowship



Coffee and fellowship started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

NEW Tuesday Evening Study @ 7 p.m. Prayers of the New Testament (8-week study)

Join us as we explore eight different prayers contained in the New Testament. Author Lynne Baab writes *"I wrote this study guide because the prayers in the Bible have shaped and nurtured my own prayer life so profoundly."* Join Pastors Sheryl and Chris as we study eight different prayers in the New Testament. We'll begin by looking at the prayers of Mary and Simeon and Anna, then explore three of Jesus' prayers followed by prayers spoken by Peter and Paul and then ending our study with a prayer from the Book of Revelation. The language of these prayers is beautiful and deep, speaking to us of God's character and plan for all the world; but also helpful in deepening our own prayer life. Everyone is welcome.



Sound System Operator Needed!!

We are in need of 1 or 2 people who would be willing to run the sound system during worship services, especially on Praise Team Sundays. If interested, please talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or Jim Dorn.



JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (Ravioli Bake) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.



Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.



Celebrate Generosity returns January.

On January 23rd, the FOURTH Sunday in January, we will gather to celebrate generosity. As in our previous gatherings we encourage ALL ages to gather at 9 AM on the 23rd.

Come learn about the Generosity Super Bowl in the New Testament. There will be a cheer and a lineup! (Okay the lineup isn't quite what you might expect, but let your curiosity bring you to check it out.) See you on the 23rd, again that's the 4th Sunday.

Congregational Annual Meeting

The **Annual Meeting** for Calvary Lutheran Church is scheduled for Sunday, **January 30th** following our 10:00am Worship service.

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be the election of new council members, approval of the 2022 Budget, and receiving of reports from the Boards and Committees of the church.

Only voting members present may vote at a congregational meeting. A voting member is defined in Calvary's Constitution as a confirmed member who has communed and made a contribution of record to Calvary in the current or preceding calendar year.

In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting Booklet will be available the weekend before the Annual Meeting, Jan. 22nd & 23rd.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – January 16

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Susan Martin

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

ACOLYTE: DaKota Newsom

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!!

Next Sunday – January 23

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Marissa Wright

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTE: Allie Baer

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Val Rahrs

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 16

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 17

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship & Music

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 19

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Outreach

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, January 22

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, January 23

9 a.m. – Celebrate Generosity Event

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 16, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



God's abundant goodness brings joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	Isaiah 62:1-5	Jerusalem will be saved
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Wednesday	Psalms 16:7-11	Song of trust in God
Thursday	Jeremiah 33:10-13	Healing after punishment
Friday	Philemon 1:4-7	Philemon's love and faith
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-10	Human sin and God's goodness
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, your love and faithfulness brings joy; may we use our gifts so that others may see Jesus as the source of your abundant goodness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant harvests, we thank you for this food, a sign of your constant love for us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of abundant love give you joy.



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JANUARY 16, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Jesus, Come!
For We Invite You*



WEEKLY MILESTONES:

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think of a friend of yours. How does that person bring you joy?
- Epiphany reveals God's saving grace in our lives. Where have you seen God's handiwork?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 2:1-11.

The wedding at Cana contains Jesus' first public sign of his glory. The full intent of the sign is not completely disclosed for his hour has not yet come. His hour of glory that shows the depth of God's love and mercy will happen with his death on a cross. This first sign points to a deep understanding of Jesus' whole ministry. It is about abundance that brings joy. The amount of wine Jesus provides from the water jars was excessive, and it tasted very good. Wine in the Bible was meant to gladden the heart. It was associated with a future divine banquet as well as daily hospitality and celebration. The sign of changing water into wine at a wedding feast introduces Jesus' ministry as overflowing with goodness, joy, and love. It turns our shame and embarrassment (like a bridegroom's shame for running out of wine) into simple delight without limits, without measure. It leads us to long for more of what Jesus has in store for us.

Discuss: When have you experienced God's abundant love in your life?

Pray: God of love, give us joy in your presence that we may be a sign of your love to others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme this week, how can you share God's abundant goodness by using your gifts and talents to care for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The wedding at Cana reminds us of how the Bible uses weddings and feasts to express the joy that God intends for us. To experience this joy during the Epiphany season, plan a special meal this week and invite friends. Begin by reciting Psalm 36:7-8: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.* During the meal talk about what these verses mean to you. End by reciting the verses again.



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org