

## THE SECOND SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns 496 644 650

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

Jan. 16 8:30 a.m. Worship at English  
Jan. 16 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace  
Jan. 16 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes  
Jan. 17 Pastor attending Conference at Carroll, Iowa  
Jan. 18 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Pastor's Circuit Meeting)  
Jan. 18 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English  
Jan. 19 9:30 a.m. Quilting  
Jan. 19 Noon Bible Study  
Jan. 19 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Holy Spirit Light Divine*. We begin our service this morning with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. If anything good is to come from our worship, it will come from the Holy Spirit, not from us. So we pray for the Spirit to bless us with light divine, that we might see the Savior's face. We pray for the Spirit to use his power divine to cleanse our guilty hearts. We pray for the Spirit to give us joy divine to cheer our souls and give us peace. Finally, we pray for the Spirit to dwell within us and to join us in our daily lives, to cast down every idol throne, to reign supreme and reign alone.

**A WORD:** In the Old Testament, God often calls his relationship with Israel a marriage. Though God once divorced his bride (Israel) because of her persistent idolatry, he vows to take her back in our reading from Isaiah. Israel will be like a crown in his hands, precious and treasured. She will be married again, and God will rejoice over her like a bridegroom over his bride. There is also a wedding in the Gospel lesson. Jesus turns water into wine, a miracle that points forward to his death on the cross where the water of purification commanded in the Old Testament would be replaced by that which truly cleanses, his precious blood.

The epistle lesson reminds us that every Christian has been gifted by the Holy Spirit for service in Christ's body. Though there are a variety of gifts, there is one Spirit who gives them. Though there is a variety of service, there is one Lord (Jesus) whom we all serve. Though there is a variety of activities, there is one God (the Father) who empowers all. No matter what gift a person has received, it is to be used for the good of others and to the glory of God.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Nehemiah 8:1-10 1Corinthians 12:12-31  
Luke 4:16-30

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** At first glance, Jesus changing water into wine at a wedding hardly seems as important as healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. However, John tells us that in this first recorded miracle, "Jesus . . . manifested His glory." It is the signal that the celebration of the Lord's salvation can begin. This is a sign of the great feast of the Lord's victory foretold throughout Scripture. We get a foretaste of that victorious and celebratory meal every time we receive Christ's very body and blood, given and shed for our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. The Lord's glory has been manifested to us!

**THANK YOU:** I recently had a scan of my kidney that was partially removed due to a mass. Everything came back clear. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me during this time.

Dennis Reuvers

**TRIP TO MISSION CENTRAL:** Gary Thies has invited Peace Lutheran Church to come to Mission Central for a tour and a prayer service. Anyone who would like to go is welcome to attend. Please arrive at Mission Central by 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, January 30. Bring a sack lunch. Services at Peace and English will be held at the normal times that Sunday.

**BLESSINGS JAR:** Today, January 16th and the Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you wish to be contacted by the church when someone requests special prayers, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SERVICE:** The Council of Churches will be hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday event for students and families. January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Central Lyon auditorium Trust Guy Ministries, Dr. Micah Parker will present the topic "Sex and Profanity". He will be sharing God's TRUTH in relation to these topics. Because of the nature of the topic, it is a PG-13 event. Parents are encouraged to attend with their 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older children.

**PEACE DEVOTIONS:** Many people make a new year's resolution to start a devotional life. That resolution is easy to make, but hard to do. Where do you start? How do you know what to include? Why not start with devotions published by your own church? Pastor Alex will be publishing a devotional booklet for every week in 2022. This booklet will include everything needed to build a vibrant devotional life for individuals and families. Join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ this coming year. The devotions are available on the back table of the sanctuary.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Offering envelopes for 2022 are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect cereal – hot and cold for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2:** Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 496: HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4*

The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,  
**and his banner over me was love.**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
**your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.**  
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**The children of mankind 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.**

For with you is the fountain of life;

**in your light do we see light.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,  
**and his banner over me was love.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 12:1–11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*John 2:11*

**Alleluia.** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 2:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN 644: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

*sts. 1–5*

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### HYMN 650: HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING

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