

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

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Amos 9:11-15

Ephesians 5:22-33

John 2:1-11

"The Creator's Gift of Life" John 2:1-11

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Wednesday, Epiphany	01/06	6:30 p.m.	77
Thursday	01/07	7:00 p.m.	47
Sunday	01/12	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	108 53

**FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Sarah Suehring's birthday.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**THANK YOU** The Class of 2021 would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for your support of their fundraiser on the Cousins Subs Donation Night. With your help, we were able to raise **\$183.84** that will go towards the Class of 2021 class trip to Northern Wisconsin in the spring. Thank you all! Gabe, Jacob & Madi, The Class of 2021!

**THANK YOU** My mom and I recently found an unexpected gift in our church mailbox, and we really appreciate the kindness and generosity of the unidentified person who left it for us. Thank you so much and may the Lord multiply your blessings during this new year.--Candace Kolter and Marilyn Kolter

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** will take place the week of January 24 through January 29.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	01/17	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Monday	01/18	NO School/Winter Break	
Tuesday	01/19	MAP Testing	
	through Friday 01/22		
Thursday	01/21	DIVINE SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	01/24	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Bake Sale – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – School Lobby	Between Services

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

**SCRIP** The next order due date is Sunday, **February 7**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM** list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-1/13/20)	\$302,959.09
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-1/11/21)	\$316,401.68
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$319,792.21
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$3,390.53)

# THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Amos 9:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, <sup>12</sup> that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this.

<sup>13</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup> I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## THE EPISTLE READING

### Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

<sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

<sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

<sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

<sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### John 2:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

<sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom

<sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE PSALMODY

### Psalm 111:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.  
<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.  
<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.  
<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.  
<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;  
<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.  
<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!  
<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

## INTROIT

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.  
Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*  
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!  
Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*\*  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.  
All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.”  
Come and see what | God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.  
Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love  
from me!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.  
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

*Psalm 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1*

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*"The Creator's Gift of Life"*

January 17 through January 23, 2021

*Now is the time for rejoicing in the never-ending abundance of God's mercy which is poured out on us in the wedding feast of the Lamb. God has gathered us together around His preaching and His Supper that we be preserved in true faith by His grace. Here at this altar, the Son of God is revealed, and He reveals His church, that is, all those who hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him as He feeds them. This abundance is not only for those who gather this day, for the grace of God has appeared for all people. Our Lord came into the flesh for all men that all might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. During this Epiphany season, we pray for those who preach the Gospel that, through the Gospel, the eyes of the blind might be opened to see the Savior of the nations. This is the steadfast longing of our hearts that men would not perish but live by faith in Jesus Christ.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>23</sup>If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **Luke 9:23 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** 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.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:**

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**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Come, O God, and judge Your people. Gather Your saints, whom You have tested and purified by fire in this life, from the ends of the earth. Show us Your salvation, but consume the wicked who forget You with Your fire. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	Genesis 6:5,13,17-19; 7:11-12,16-17,21-23; 9:1
Wednesday	Exodus 13:17-14:31
Thursday	Joshua 1:1-2,10-11; 3:1-17
Friday	2 Kings 5:1-14
Saturday	Matthew 17:1-9

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." *Romans 6:4*

**Luther, Gospel for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, Comfort for Married People (1525):** First, this estate is highly honored in that Christ Himself went to this wedding with His mother and disciples.... The second honor is that he gives this poor wedding good wine with a great miracle and becomes the bride's chief cupbearer; perhaps He otherwise had no money or present to give. He never showed such honor to the Pharisees. By doing this, He confirms that marriage is God's work and arrangement. No matter how much people want to despise it and regard it as insignificant, God, nonetheless, acknowledges His own work and loves it.... Because marriage has the foundation and consolation that it was instituted by God and that God loves it, and that Christ Himself so honors and comforts it, it ought to be very dear to everyone and treasured in their heart because they are certain that it is the estate God loves. Thus they can cheerfully endure everything that is difficult in it, even if it were ten times more difficult. That is why there is so much trouble and displeasure in marriage according to the outward man, because it must happen that everything which is God's Word and work must be troublesome, bitter, and difficult to the outward man, even if it is otherwise blessed. For that reason, [marriage] is also an estate which promotes faith in God and trains us to love our neighbor through all kinds of trouble, work, displeasure, cross, and all kinds of adversity.

These things follow anything that is God's Word and work.... Christ shows He wants to supply what is lacking in marriage by giving wine when it ran out and making it out of water. It is as if He would say: "Do you have to drink water, that is, suffer affliction outwardly, which makes things bitter for you? Well, I will make it sweet for you and change the water into wine so that your affliction will be your joy and delight.... I will not rid Christian marriage of affliction, but rather load it up." It happens in a wondrous way so that no one understands it except those who experience it, namely, in this way: God's Word will do it, by which all things are made, preserved, and changed. It is the Word of God which makes your water into wine and your bitter marriage into a delight. The heathen and the unbelievers do not know that God created marriage and so their water remains water and never becomes wine.

(Martin Luther, LW 76:238-240, St. Louis: CPH, 2013)

**PRAAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 401 "*From God the Father, Virgin Born*" (stanza 4)

## **LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

*January 24, 2021*  
"Hear Him!"

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 414, 413, 401, 810, 713, 637, 417

#### **READINGS**

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

Why does Matthew tell us that this happened after six days? It was on the sixth day that God made man, and it was on the sixth day that our Lord would be crucified. God has become man that He might restore His creation. Christ's face shines like the sun, even as Moses' face when he had gone into the Presence of the Lord. Moses and Elijah appear with Him for they are figures of death and resurrection. Moses goes up a mountain to die and is buried by God where no man can find him. Moses had seen the glory of God while God hid him in the crack of a rock. Elijah was taken to heaven without death as a mark of our own resurrection and ascension through Christ. Elijah had also seen the glory of God in the still small voice. The bright cloud comes over them, just as the cloud of glory had filled the tabernacle and later the temple. God is present in Christ, whose body is the new temple. The disciples fear the voice they hear on the mountain, just as the Israelites feared the voice of the Law at Mt. Sinai, but Jesus speaks the comforting word of the Gospel and of His coming resurrection. The voice from heaven directed them to hear Jesus. Peter remembers those very words in his Second Epistle when he counsels his readers that all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, we hear Jesus yet today. When a child is baptized, we hear Jesus. When the Supper is celebrated, we hear Jesus. When the pastor proclaims the absolution, we hear Jesus. In the glorious appearance of Elijah and Moses, we see what Christ has prepared for His hearers in heaven.

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