

Second Sunday after Epiphany



God Delivers More than We Ask...Not Less

Lord of Love Lutheran ChurchWisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: It is easy for us to assume that if God says "no" to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying "yes" to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says "no" to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a "help desk" or 911 dispatch, God's love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

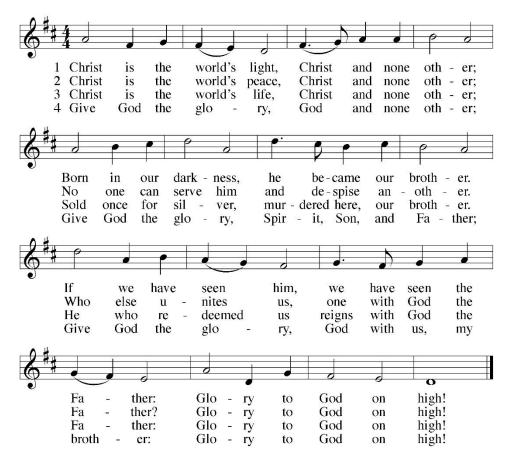
Lord of Love Lutheran Church

January 19, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 343)

Christ is the World's Light



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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

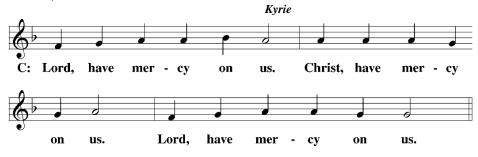
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 62:1-5

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch. ² Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you. ³ Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. ⁴ You will never again be called Abandoned, and your land will never again be called Desolation, for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married, because the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ For just as a young man marries a virgin, your sons will marry you, and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you.





How good and pleas<u>ant</u> it is* when brothers live together in <u>unity!</u>

For there the LORD bestows his <u>blessing</u>,* even life for<u>evermore</u>.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD* who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctu<u>ary*</u> and <u>praise</u> the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,* bless you from Zion.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹ and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

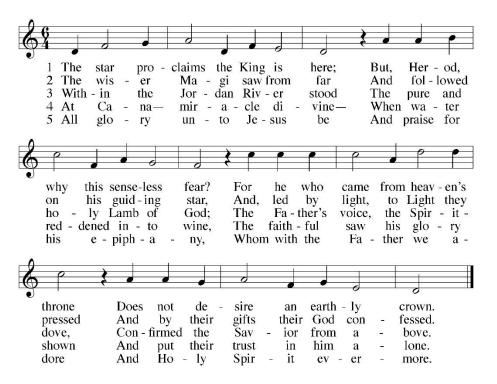
APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

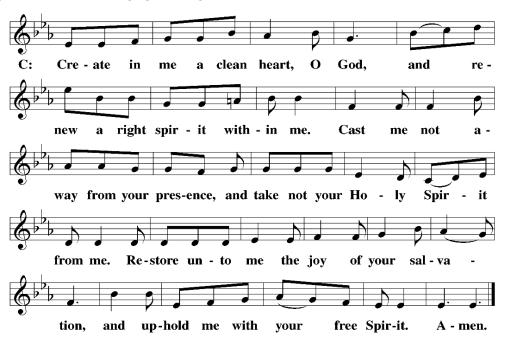


 Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) Rheinfelssisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch, Augsburg, 1666. SERMON John 2:1-11

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. ⁹ When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" ¹¹ This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

It was a Glorious Wedding!

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

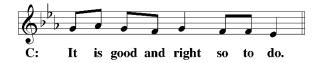
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



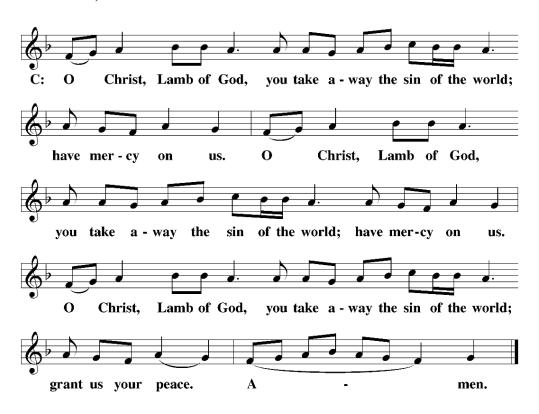
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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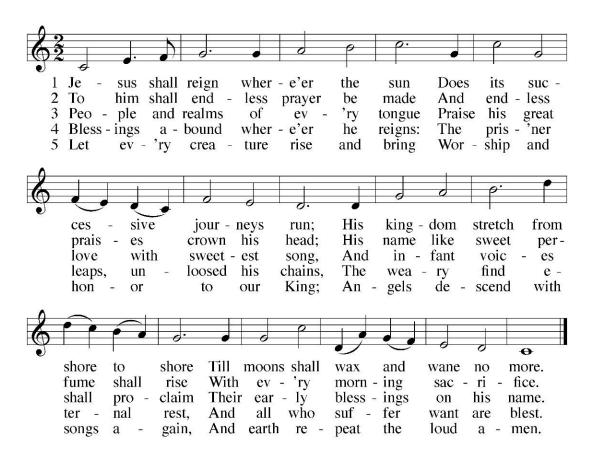


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Tune: St. George's, Windsor (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 84)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

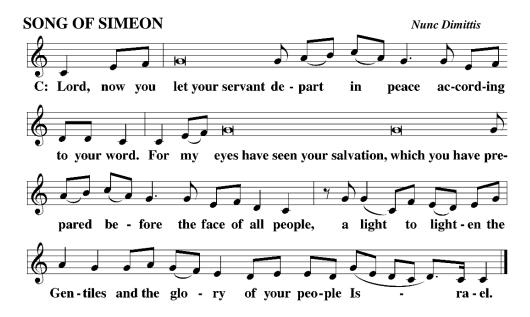


Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.

Tune: TRURO (LM) Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, London, 1789.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 85:3-4)

O God from God, O Light from Light

That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang the angel hosts again. Lift up your heads—your King awaits. We lift them up, Amen, Amen.

Sing to the Lord a mighty song; Sing to his name, his glories tell! Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell! Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend! Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign; Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, sanctuary

<u>Tuesday 9:00 am:</u> The Gospel of John, *lower level*<u>Wednesday 6:30 pm:</u> Gospel Motivation, *lower level*

Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine, lower level

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | To be Determined

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday January 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund, Bob Degnan, Kourtney and Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Wayne Kaalberg and Kim Bauer
- Altar Guild: Sandy Heath and Sally Kaalberg
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

Sunday January 26: Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00: Dave Olson, 10:30: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Sandy Heath and Sally Kaalberg
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: The Nitz Family

<u>Happy Birthday</u> We wish God's blessings to Julie Schoenberg (1/21), Amy Eckelberg (1/23), Matthew Stibb (1/24), Kerri Mallien (1/25), and Trinitey Wolfrum (1/25), as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary There are no anniversaries to celebrate this week.

<u>In Our Prayers</u> Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Steve Tobison, who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

January 19: Open Forum & Quarterly Voters Meeting | 9:15 – sanctuary

January 20: Quilting Group | 6:00 – 8:00 pm - lower level

<u>January 21:</u> Choir Practice – sanctuary | 6:00 – 7:00 pm - sanctuary

February 6: Fellowship Committee Meeting | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall

February 10: Council Meeting | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall

<u>February 20:</u> Ladies Friendship Circle | 6:30 pm – fellowship hall

Quarterly Forum and Voters Meeting | Today January 19 - 9:15 - 10:15 am

Our Quarterly Congregational Forum and Voters Meeting will be held between worship services on January 19, 2025. No Adult Bible Study

January Food Pantry Collection until January 31

We will be collecting food and non-perishable items throughout the month of January to help stock the shelves at our local food pantry. There are collection bins located at both the main and fellowship entrances. You may drop any donations off Tuesday – Friday from 8:30-3:30 pm. All donations go to the DeForest Area Needs Network. (DANN)

Candles Available:

We have multiple boxes of skinny 12" 51% beeswax candles that were used in the past during our Christmas Worship Services available for anyone would like them. Many are unused, and could be melted into another candle form or scented. (the used candles can also be snipped and reused) They are located in the fellowship hall.

Thank you!

A note of gratitude to those who gave of their time last Saturday to take down the Christmas decorations. We thank you for your help.

Projector and AV Updates:

We are fortunate to have two new projectors in our sanctuary and a new smart TV and speakers installed in our fellowship hall. Thank you to the generous donors in our congregation which made the upgrades possible. The new projectors will give us options for enhancing our worship services, Bible studies and congregational meetings. The fellowship hall TV is connected to the camera in our sanctuary and can display our service live streamed if additional seating is needed. The TV can access the internet and can be used for movies, meetings, announcements or other activities.

If you are interested in assisting with AV during our worship services, let the office know or speak with Devin Anderson. We would welcome any new volunteers to assist during our services. Training provided

Available Opportunities to Serve or Volunteer:

It's hard to believe we are in the middle of January already, and with a New Year brings new opportunities. If you have ever thought of serving the Lord through offering your talents through joining a committee or volunteering? If so, there are many opportunities please consider attending or volunteering at one of the many committees offered at Lord of Love. We would love to have you!

Current offerings include:

- AV & Technology
- Choir
- Church Council
- Ladies Fellowship Committee
- Ladies Friendship Circle
- Lawn & Building Maintenance
- Refreshments Coordinator
- Ride Assistance
- Sunday School Coordinator
- Teen Group Coordinator
- Usher & Greeters
- Youth Group Coordinator
- 20-30 Something's Coordinator

For more information on areas you would be interested to serve, please contact the church office at lolchurchoffice@gmail.com or (608) 846-9036.



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Office Assistant: Kristin Vomhof, Office hours Tuesday – Friday.
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - *Christ's Love, Our Calling*.

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1



Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.