

SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY





Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18th & 19th, 2025

The Season

"Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." When someone has an epiphany, it's not that reality changed. The way they see that reality is what changed, for a deeper truth has been revealed. In the Church Year, Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth.

The Sunday

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 immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

Prayer before Worship

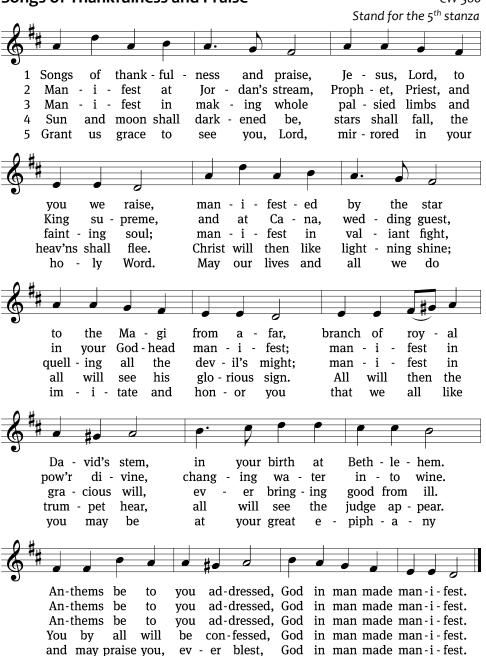
"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord." Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

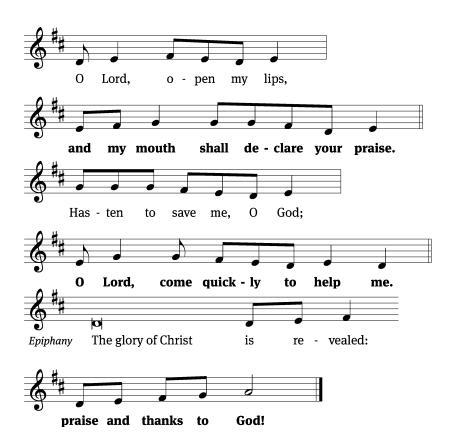
Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

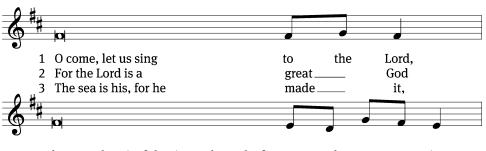
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O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

CW 208



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal va tion.
 2 and a great king a bove all gods.
 3 and his hand formed the dry ____ land.
- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak er.

Be seated 4 and we are the people of his

pasture and the sheep of his ____ hand.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks ing, hand:
- 2 The deep places of the earth are
- 3 O come, let us worship and
- 4 For he is God, our

I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation

his

down.

in

bow



will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;

his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an-/other;

they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall

and lifts up all who are / bowed down. Refrain

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,

to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;

he hears their cry and / saves them.

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. Refrain

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First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

As our bridegroom, Christ delivers more than that for which we ask.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn. her salvation like a blazing torch. ²The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

God gives us a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 2:1–11

To spare a newlywed couple embarrassment from having run out of wine, Jesus delivers more than his mother asks, turning water into the choicest of wine.

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

"What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

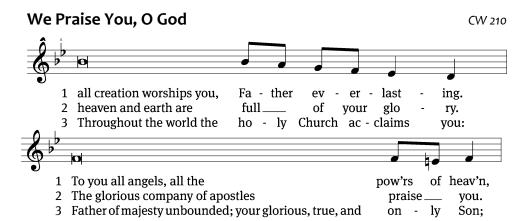


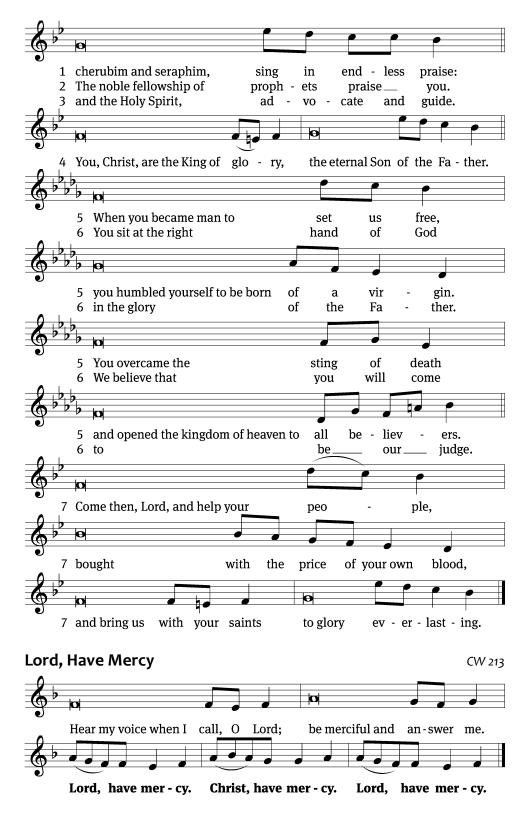
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Sermon

John 2:1-11 Jesus Reveals His Glory 1. in small signs 2. In great signs

Stand





Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

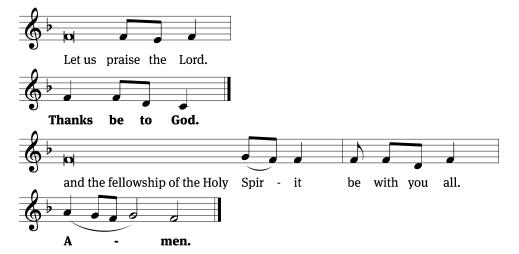
Offering: God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.



Lord's Prayer

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.





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Church Resources

Family Devotions: Get your family into God's Word during the week! Our church body has short devotions available for the entire family. Each devotion comes with a Set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Please visit **wels.net/family-devotions** to get your weekly devotions.

Marriage Moments: Every marriage has its "moments". That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos directly through email at <u>welscongregationalsevices.net/marriagemoments</u>.

Connecting WELS Members: Connection is more important now than ever. Our church body offers many ways for WELS members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, Instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

WELS Together e-Newsletter: Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-Newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don't miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Please visit **wels.net/together** to read and subscribe.

Baptism: If you or a loved one had not yet been baptized, and are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Henning.

Church Membership Starting Point If you're interested in becoming a member here at St. Lucas, we would love to share with you a few Bible studies to introduce you to the biblical teaching here at St. Lucas. We are willing to set up these classes in any setting most comfortable for you, and can always find time that will work for anyone and everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Henning, whose contact info can be found on the final page of this bulletin, underneath the church calendar.

Announcements

Lutheran Memorial Park – **Annual Lot Holders Meeting:** will be held Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the St. Lucas School Meeting Room. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Board, please contact Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829 or Secretary Joyce Kral at 262-626-2725

Call Acknowledgement - Mark Hesse:

Dear St. Lucas Family,

On January 5, 2025, I received a divine call from Zion Evangelical Lutheran School to serve as principal and upper grade teacher. It is an honor to work alongside you and consider my place in our Lord's ministry. Please keep myself and my family in your prayers as I consider where God has in mind for me to serve.

May God bless me with wisdom and guidance as I deliberate. Wherever I continue my ministry, I know the Lord has a plan for what is best for us and his kingdom. I take comfort in his words from Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

I always appreciate the prayers, encouragement, and insight you can offer. Please feel free to reach out to me as I deliberate.

Your brother in Christ, Mark A. Hesse

Call Acceptance - Preschool Teacher - Joy Young:

Dear Members of St. Lucas Kewaskum,

I feel humbled that the Holy Spirit led your voting members to extend a Divine Call to me to teach in your 4K classroom and lead your early childhood ministry. Throughout the course of these past few weeks, I have been blessed to speak to many of your members and called workers who share in the ministry work being carried out in your ministry. As you know I have been considering multiple calls at the same time to serve in various capacities in His kingdom.

After much prayerful consideration the Holy Spirit has led me to accept the call extended to me by your congregation. I'm looking forward to beginning my ministry and serving your congregation through the call you have extended to me. I ask for your continued prayers and support as my husband, son, and I prepare to move to the Kewaskum area this summer.

Yours in Christ, Joy A. Young "For I know the plans I have for you." Jeremiah 29:11

WLC Youth Night: WLC will be hosting a WELS Youth Night on Sunday, January 26 from 6-8 PM. The night will feature:

- Games
- Snacks
- Worship
- A keynote address from Pastor Ben Blumer
- Small group discussion

Please invite your 9-12 grade students to attend. Of course, you are invited to check it out yourself. Free parking will be available in the Parking Center, 8701 West Wisconsin Avenue. The event will take place in the **Center for Arts and Performance**, **8815 West Wisconsin Avenue**. Register at https://tinyurl.com/YNWLC

20th Annual St. Lucas Woman's Retreat: The women of St. Lucas are cordially invited to our 20th annual Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, 3/1/25. The event will begin at 8:30 am and will be located within our Lutheran Grade School in Hoenecke Hall. There is a registration fee of \$30 per person which includes lunch and all presentations.

Presentations:

- Young Womanhood -College, Career, and Kids! Juli Hesse
- Say What? I'm an Older Woman? Marilyn Sievert
- Later Life Ron Szep

Brochures for the retreat will be available shortly which will contain a registration form to register. Otherwise, please feel free to register online at https://StLucasRetreat2025.eventbrite.com.

All online and paper registration for the event, alone with payment, are due by Tuesday, 2/18/25.

Job opportunities for communications professionals: WELS has two job opportunities for communications professionals to serve at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha. 1) The Digital Communications Coordinator will be responsible for the planning and management of all WELS website content, as well as providing support for social media and other digital marketing tools as part of WELS Communication Services. 2) The Marketing Coordinator will be responsible for managing the marketing and communication efforts of three WELS ministry support subsidiaries—WELS Foundation, WELS Investment Funds, and WELS Church Extension Fund. For more information, visit webs.net/careers. Information about other job openings at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry is also available there.

Camp Philip Summer Camp Registration Opens February 3rd: It's not quite time to pack your bags, but registration is almost here! Registration will open on Monday, February 3rd at 12pm CST. You can create your account in advance using the link below or watch a quick video on how to register. Spots fill up very quickly, so make your plans now!

https://events.circuitree.com/CampPhillip/Account/Login/

Please Note: Summer Camp sessions are divided by Grade Level of the most recent completed year. Summer 2025 age groups are based off of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week

BIRTHDAYS

Lucas Peters	1/21
Anna Ebert	1/23
Lorraine Backus	1/23

CALENDAR

Readings for January 19th - January 26th 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Ezekiel 44:1-16; 23-29 Luke 9:1-18	Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23 Romans 9:19-33	JJoel 1:1-20 Romans 10:1-21	Joel 2:1-17 Romans 11:1-24	
Worship 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am		Bible Study 6:30 pm	Catechism Instruction 6th-8th Grade 3:30 pm	
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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Joel 2:18-32 Romans 11:25-12:13	Joel 3:1-21 Romans 12:14-13:14	Zechariah 1:1-21 Romans 14:1-23	Zechariah 2:1-3:10 Romans 15:1-13
Fuel for Moms 7:45 am Bible Study 10:00 am		Worship w/ Communion 6:00 pm	Worship w/Communion 8 am
			Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Study 9:15 am
			Worship w/Communion 10:30 am
		St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. www.stlucaswels.org	
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