

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2025



God Delivers More than We Ask, Not Less



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## **Welcome to Worship**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## **Prepare for Worship**

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord’s Supper, read through the “Christian Questions” on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## **Seasonal Theme for Epiphany – Epiphany Moments**

Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. In this season we will come to understand that when we have Jesus in our lives, it does not always mean our reality drastically changes. It simply means that we see reality differently, and better. Jesus always provides an abundance of epiphany moments.

## **Today’s Focus for Worship – God Delivers More than We Ask, Not Less**

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. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. 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.

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Preacher: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Accompanist: Stephen Radsek

Guitarists: Pastor Kirk Lahmann and Tim Schubkegel

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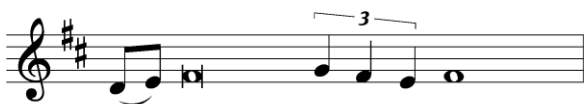
# Morning Prayer

## Matins

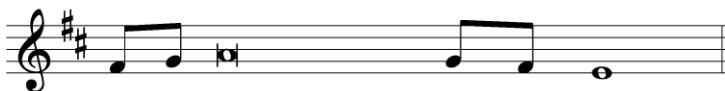


### Opening Hymn

Rise Up and Shine | 376  
*Please stand to sing the final stanza.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**



Hasten to save me, O God.



**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**Come, O come, let us wor - ship.**

# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

*Psalm 95:1-7*

## *Refrain*



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,

2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry - land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

## *Refrain*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 62:1-5

<sup>1</sup>For 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. <sup>2</sup>The 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. <sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>No 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. <sup>5</sup>As 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.**

*THE NATIONS*  
⇒ SHALL SEE YOUR ⇐  
*RIGHTEOUSNESS*  
⇒ AND ALL THE KINGS ⇐  
*YOUR GLORY*

*Refrain*



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

*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***

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may 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, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

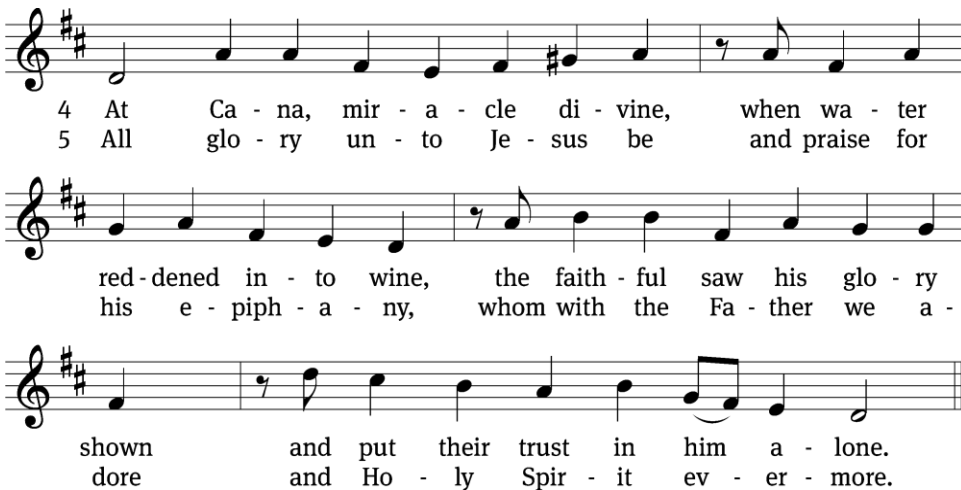
<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn Response

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here | 374:4-5



4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter  
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for  
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry  
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -  
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.  
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

*Stand*

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

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

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

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

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

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

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and 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 <sup>10</sup>and 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."

<sup>11</sup>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*

## Hymn of the Day

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | 386

## Sermon

Ephesians 3:14-21

A Powerful Prayer for God's People

1. We Need What God Gives Us
2. God Can Always Do More

*Stand*



**You Are God; We Praise You** *Te Deum Laudamus*

Psalm 75:1

*Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a-tion of-fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



- 1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 3 O — Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher-u - bim and ser-a-phem, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
O — Je-sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
You be-came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos-tles and proph-ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**  
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar-tyrs and your ho-ly Church, **we sing in end-less praise!**  
To the Trin - i - ty most bless-ed, **we sing in end-less praise!**  
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end-less praise!**

Be seated

### Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

### Hymn

Arise, Your Light Is Come! | 387

### Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

Psalm 5:3; Mark 10:47

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you; be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## Prayer of the Church

*Psalm 40:13*

Eternal Father, your only Son has made you known and has revealed your glory by his Word and work. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

Strengthen us inwardly through your Holy Spirit. Root and establish us in your love. Empower us with understanding as we grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

Your Son revealed his glory at the wedding of Cana, and his disciples believed in him. Continue to reveal your glory as we share the Word of your gospel, that people may see the wonder of your love in Christ. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

In the beginning you established marriage to fill our need for companionship, to provide for all physical needs, and to establish the family as the foundation of society. Strengthen husbands and wives in commitment and love. Lead and teach children to honor, serve, obey and love their parents. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

We rejoice in the many liberties and freedoms you have given us in our land. The greatest of these is our freedom to worship you in spirit and in truth. Preserve our freedom of religion so that your Word may be freely proclaimed for the building up and expansion of your church. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

You uphold all who fall and lift up all who are bowed down. In your mercy, look on those who endure pain and suffering. Have compassion on your people. Uphold them and strengthen them in faith. Give health and recovery as it fits your gracious plan for them. We will exalt you, O God, our King.

**We will praise your name for ever and ever.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray that you would bless all husbands, wives and families that they might live and serve you in joy and unity, and bring up their children according to your will. Provide for all their needs and comfort them in all misfortune, crosses and affliction; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## Morning Prayer

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.**

## Let Us Praise the Lord *Benedicamus*

*1 Corinthians 15:57*



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing** *Aaronic Benediction*

*Numbers 6:24-26*



The Lord bless and keep you.



**A - men.**



The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**A - men.**



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**A - men.**

**Closing Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | 380





# Epiphany Moments – Worship Series for Epiphany 2025

Epiphany of Our Lord – January 5 & 6	God’s Gift to All People
Baptism of Our Lord – January 12 & 13	Baptism Is the Cure for an Identity Crisis
Second Sunday after Epiphany – January 19 & 20	God Delivers More than We Ask, Not Less
Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 26 & 27	Rejection Is Not Proof of Failure
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – February 2 & 3	Popularity Is Not Proof of Success
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 9 & 10	The Least Qualified are the First Sent
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 16 & 17	Blessings Are Cursed; Curses Are Blessed
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany – February 23 & 24	Love Your Enemies; Overcome Evil with Good
Transfiguration of Our Lord – March 2 & 3	Glory Is Hidden in Order to Be Revealed

