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Epiphany 2



He revealed his glory, and his disciples
believed in him.

John 2:11

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 133-134 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

LSB 395

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

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. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5 (EHV)

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.

Second Reading

Luke 3:15-22 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Luke 3:15-22.

G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people. ¹⁹ But after John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things he had done— ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John in prison.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 394 v. 5



5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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**☐ 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 sits 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.**

Hymn of the Day: 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Sermon Text: John 2:1-11 (EHV)

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.

⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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!" ¹¹This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon Theme: Jesus' "Little" Miracles

✠ Even though Jesus' first miracle seemed rather "unimpressive" compared to some of His other miracles, how do we see Jesus' true glory in this "little" miracle?

Application: Can you think of some of the "little" miracles God performs in our everyday lives that show His greatness and personal love for each one of us?

Pay close attention and look out for these "little" miracles as you go about your week.

Offertory

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 394 v. 2-4 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: **Choir Practice – 8am**
1/19/25 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class (Video: "Is Genesis History?" – part 1) – **10:15am**
Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 11:15am (Pastor's Office)

This Week: Tuesday – **Ladies Group – 6:30pm** (see announcement below)
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)
Saturday – **Online National Women's Retreat – 11am CT** (see announcements)
Church Cleaning: Team #1 (1/18-1/24); Team #2 (1/25-1/31)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
1/26/25 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School & Bible Class (Video: "Is Genesis History?" – part 2) – **10:15am**
Quarterly Voters' Meeting – 11:15am



Reminder: Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!



Private Communion After Worship Service – For communicant members who would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, please meet with pastor at the front of church after today's worship service.

Sunday Bible Class – Creation-themed Video & Discussion – Sun. 1/19-Sun. 2/2 – Beginning today (1/19) we'll be watching and discussing the video "Is Genesis History?" for the next three Sunday Bible Class periods (until Sunday 2/2). Please join us!

Ladies' Group – Tues. @ 6:30pm – Please join us for Ladies Group as we continue our study of a book called *Pew Sisters* (available on Amazon). We will be discussing the second chapter at our meeting this Tues. **January 21st at 6:30 PM.** Contact Lisa Lisak with questions or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

New Activities Committee Lists for 2025 – The new activities committee lists have been updated and posted on the bulletin board in the church entryway.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We will be studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke’s Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

Quarterly Voters’ Meeting – Next Sunday – January 26th at 11:15am – A reminder that our quarterly voters’ meeting will be held after the worship **next Sunday (1/26) at 11:15am**. Printed copies of the reports and agenda are on the counter in the church hallway. Voters’ please plan to attend and participate in this important meeting regarding the work of our congregation and school. The congregation is invited to attend the meeting as well. The agenda and reports are on the counter in the church hallway.

Great Lakes Delegate Conference Elections – June 2nd-3rd – Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac – At our quarterly voters meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26th we will be electing delegates for the Great Lakes Delegate Conference at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, which will take place Mon. June 2nd-Tues. June 3rd. Please let Jim Lisak know if you’d like your name to be put on the slate of candidates.

National Online Women’s Retreat – Sat. 1/25 @ 11am CT – Gethsemane Lutheran of Spokane,



WA is hosting a National Online Women’s Retreat on **Saturday, January 25 beginning at 11am CT**. The Theme is "Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship." The scriptural foundation for the retreat is 1 Peter 4:10, "*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.*" Registration and more information can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause25>.

Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info – I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don’t hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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CLC Financial Report - December 2024

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2024
General Fund	0	524,119	607,627	656,490	(83,508)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	936,481	819,402	862,050	117,079
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	29,719	53,954		86,744
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	268,933	0		1,829,215
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	99,847	80,323		140,308
Kinship	169,884	73,929	83,932		159,881
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	269,397	210,651		2,742,954
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	49,443	134,694		32,066
EduK8 Fund	47,692	17,661	0		65,353
Reserve Fund	79,964	78,184	0		158,148
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$887,113	\$563,554		\$5,214,669

General Fund – In the month of December we received about \$28,000 more than we spent. This reduced the deficit in the fund to just over of \$83,000 compared to a year ago when it we had a deficit of under \$19,000. Contributions through December are down about \$36,000 compared to last year at this time.

ILC Operations – Revenue is up about \$63,000 over the same period as last year while disbursements are up about \$14,000.

ILC Building Projects – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$188,000. December brought a decline in the market value of the investments in this fund but there is still a positive increase in market value of approximately \$80,000 for the year.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of almost \$137,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, about \$131,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just under \$1,000 of contributions to the fund. Expenditures in December included a loan of \$150,000 to a congregation

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Bible Readings:

1/19	Gen. 16 Psalm 18:31-50 Matt. 10:26-42
1/20	Gen. 17 Psalm 19 Matt. 11:1-19
1/21	Gen. 18:1-15 Psalm 20 Matt. 11:20-30
1/22	Gen 18:16-33 Psalm 21 Matt. 12:1-14
1/23	Gen 19:1-28 Psalm 22 Matt. 12:15-37
1/24	Gen. 19:29-38 Psalm 23 Matt. 12:38-50
1/25	Gen 20 Psalm 24 Matt. 13:1-17

January Ushers

Erik Nelson
Tony Blue
Chris Blue

January Slideshow

Kenny Winters

Cleaning Team 1/25-1/31

D/K Mueller
BJ Nelson
K. Nelson
J/B Mueller
D. Griffen
J. Schaser

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:

\$8,398.64

\$214,137.17

Budgetary Needs:

\$8,571.29

\$239,996.12

Over (Under) Budget:

(\$172.65)

(\$25,858.95)

IIF:

\$300.00

\$1,145.35

***Includes 12/16-12/31 e-giving: \$3,687.70**

Attendance Last Sun.: 118



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