

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 20, 2019



First Lutheran Church, Southington

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome!

We are pleased you are with us and ask God's blessing upon you in your worship today. To participate most fully, we'd like you to know the following:

- If you are visiting this morning, please introduce yourself to Pastor Rinas and sign our guest registry located in the entryway after the service. Including contact information will allow us to follow up with you.
- Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.
- Please ask an usher if you are in need of any assistance.

Italic text, direction for participation in the liturgy.

Regular text, spoken by a worship leader.

Bold Print, verbal response by congregation.

Sharing a sign of Peace- At First Lutheran we share a greeting of peace as a sign of reconciliation before gathering together with Christ at the Lord's table.

Holy Communion- All baptized Christians who believe in the presence of Christ are welcome to receive the body and blood in the Eucharist. The bread has been baked by members of the congregation. Please inform Pastor Rinas if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Newsletter Articles- must be received in the church office no later than the 15th of the month. Please e-mail them to: FirstLutheranSouthington@gmail.com

Interested in joining our church family - Please see an usher or you may speak with Pastor Rinas.

Prayer Requests- if you would like to make a prayer request, use the prayer request slip in the pew. Fill out the information (name, reason for prayer) and leave it on top of the pew at the center aisle. An usher will collect them.

Large Print Bulletins are available on the table in the Narthex. You may ask an usher.

You are invited to gather for refreshments following worship in the Parish Hall!

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SERVICE:

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Tyler Boyle

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

ELW 311

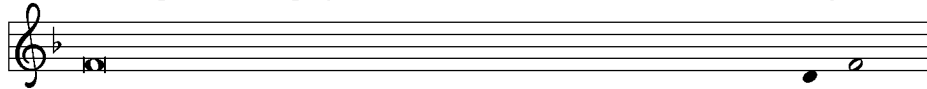
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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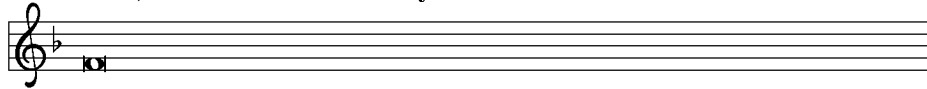
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



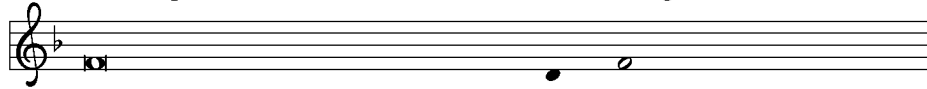
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



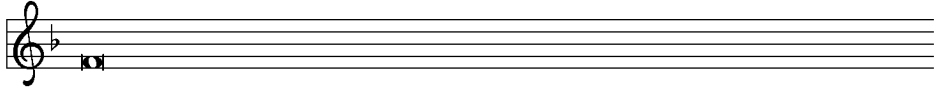
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



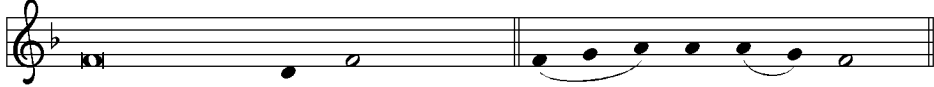
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



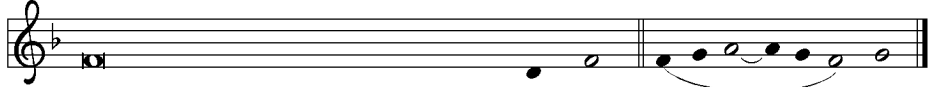
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“This Is The Feast”



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



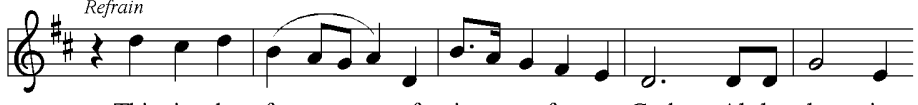
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
 glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God. World of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Rinas

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

ELW 879

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead*. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end with: "Lord, in your mercy,"
You may respond with: "Hear our prayer."*

M E A L

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING SONG

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



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:



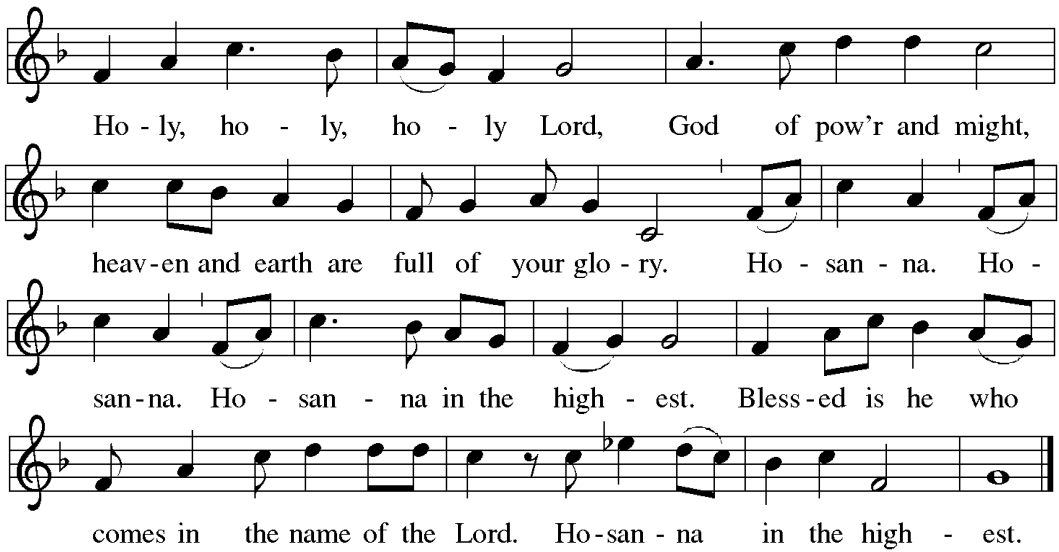
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end...

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

...Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Please be seated

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Lord of Light"

ELW 688

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Boyle

Tyler

Monthly Financial Progress Report – Attendance for January 13, 2019 was **66**. This past Sunday we received: contributions of **\$2,148.90**. **Approved Budget:** \$159,025.00.

Needed Weekly: \$3,058.17

Thank you for your spiritual, financial, and physical support of First Lutheran Church!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Food Drive – We are committed to supplying Southington Community Services with

canned protein (e.g., tuna, Spam, chicken, salmon, turkey, sardines, etc.). Please bring donations of any non-perishable food items and place them on the shelves by the sanctuary entrance. A list of regularly used items can be found on the church bulletin boards.

Annual Meeting Information: Due to constitutional requirements and logistical constraints, the Annual Meeting has been postponed to Sunday, February 10th, following our 9:30am Worship Service. The snow date will be: Sunday, February 17th. The Deadline for all Annual Reports is Sunday, January 20th. The Annual Report will be available by February 3rd; printed hard copies will be available at the church and digital copies will be on our website, www.FirstLutheranSouthington.org

DRAFT Directories Available – Preliminary, DRAFT copies of a new directory are available for review and correction. Please help us update our directory information accurately! This is a process and we need your help to do it well! Thank you!

Discussing Bishop Hazelwood's Report, "A Church in Labor" – We will meet in the sanctuary following worship on January 27th to review this important report on the state of the church within this rapidly changing society. Excerpts and the full report are available both in the narthex and on the website.

Women's Guild: The Women's Guild meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. We are still collecting jewelry & jewelry boxes; leave in the Narthex or give to Lillian Sewell. New members are always welcome.

*Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of
Gertrude Witt Steinnagel
on her 99th birthday.*

This Week at First Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 20, 2019	9:30 a.m.	Eucharist Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	23 rd Annual MLK, Jr. Celebration (First Baptist Church of Southington)
Monday, January 21, 2019		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 22, 2019	9:30 a.m.	A.A.
	6:30 p.m.	AWOL
	7:30 p.m.	GSR Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2019	5:30 p.m.	Women's A.A.
Friday, January 25, 2019	9:30 a.m.	A.A.
Sunday, January 27, 2019	9:30 a.m.	Eucharist Worship Service

Oremus (we pray)...

All those who are ill and recovering from illness or surgery. All those members of our congregation struggling with cancer and not named individually. We offer prayers for...

Todd Garrity; **Karen**, friend of Arlene Mobarak; **Avis Oberempt**, friend of Jacque Hetzler Family; **Paul Gendreau**, friend of Jacque Hetzler; **Russell Scott Tanko & his family**; **Jeff Nadeau**, friend of the Gray Family; **Lynne**, friend of Kris & Carl Schmidt; **Carol Messner**, daughter-in-law of Winnie Messner; **Henry Blessing**, son-in-law of Winnie Messner; **Pastor Marian Marks**, friend of First Lutheran; **Stephanie, Eileen, and Stephen Jaworowicz**; **Dan and MaryAnn Bailey**, friends of the Hetzler Family;

Becky Guerrieri, cousin of Keith and Cathy Morris. Those who are convalescing / homebound: **Janet Bennett, Bill Richter. Vergilio Canalia**, father of David Canalia; **Stephanie Gary**, friend of Linda Canalia; **Rachel & Sandy Hoffman**; **Richard Moyle**, a Vietnam veteran; **Cathy Morris**, in treatment for leukemia, **Nancy Eberhardt**, in recovery at home; **Brian**, friend of Virginia Nichols; **Erin H.**, friend of the Naples Family; **Stephanie Gray**; **Marge Jerin**; **EJ Bilodeau**, a young boy in the hospital, friend of Joan and Becky.

WORSHIP ASSTS	<u>January 20th</u>	<u>January 27th</u>	<u>February 3rd</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	Joanne, Sharon	Kris, Carl	Arlene, Dawne
<i>Ushers</i>	Paul, Keith M., Bill, Jim A.	Grady, John, Linda, Carl	Jim A., Dave, Gil, Dwayne
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kay	Deb E.	Ilona
<i>Prayer Leader</i>	Kristen M.	Arlene	Dick
<i>Lectors</i>	Jim A., Joanne	Erwin, Virginia	Paul, Deb E.
<i>Communion Assts</i>	Deb G., Kay	Deb E., Wayne	Wendy, Ilona
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ellen	Ellen	Dawne
<i>Bread Baker</i>	Sandy	Sandy	Rita
<i>Hospitality</i>	Fair	Council (All)	Finance
<i>Albs</i>	Wendy	Wendy	Ilona