

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 15, 2022 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 16, 2022 9:30 AM



The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. 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.

ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

PRELUDE: (5:00) “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring” arr. C. H. Trevor
(9:30) “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” arr. C. S. Lang

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: **Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was Baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C: **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

GREETING

P: The grace of the child born for us, and the joy of the one given to us be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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.

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 the 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their 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.

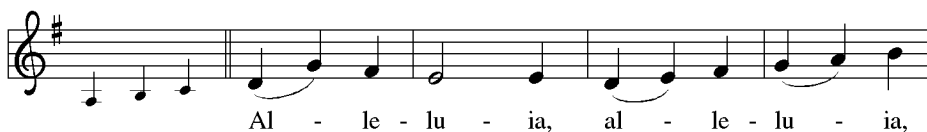
¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!"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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please Stand)*



Repeat alleluia



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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE - Water into Wine"

Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN: ELW #553 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**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

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

L: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

- L:** You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. We lift in prayer the families of those grieving victims of the apartment fire in the Bronx, and we pray for teachers, administrators, school staff, and parents navigating the challenges of education during this pandemic. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. Inspire us with the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross. God of grace,
- C:** **hear our prayer.**
- L:** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C:** **Amen.**

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C:** **And also with you.**

OFFERING

(Thanks for sharing your gifts. Offering envelopes can still be mailed to the church, you can use the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app, or you may wish to sign up for Simply Giving to have your offering scheduled on an automatic basis. Information for both programs can be found on the Electronic Giving page at ssmelca.org)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L:** Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
- C:** Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prepare your elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and wine (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher). The Pastor will recite the words of institution and consecrate the elements. Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer is spoken. The Pastor will lead the assembly with the words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P:** We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
- C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

- P:** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.
- C:** Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW #434 "Jesus Shall Reign"

DISMISSAL

- L:** Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
- C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Reminder: Sunday Morning Service streaming and recording continues through the postlude with the room microphone on. Conversations do get picked up by that microphone. If you would prefer that your conversation not be recorded and posted on YouTube, please refrain from speaking in the sanctuary until after the postlude.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) "Choral Song" arr. D. Wells

(9:30) "Tuba Tune in D" by C. S. Lang

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP!

Reader: (5:00) Judy Merritt

(9:30) Bonnie Daleness

Ushers: (5:00): Jim Hennessy & Jim Palasz

(9:30): Bob Rasmussen, Norah Hooper & Bonnie Zimmermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The SSM Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 30, 2022 immediately following the worship service. There will also be a budget discussion session on January 23rd, also immediately following the worship service. More information to follow.

The Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up forms are now posted on the office door for 2022.



Vanessa Harris from **Eras Senior Network** will be visiting Sunday with some information about Eras and the vital services they provide to seniors in our area. She will be available to answer questions about volunteering, accessing services and more.

This Week at SSM			
Wednesday	1/19	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
		5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	1/22	5:00pm	Worship
			Reader: Pam Maschke Ushers: Bob Brownell & Sue Stasiewski
Sunday	1/23	9:30am	Worship
			Reader: Mary Luedtke Ushers: Diane Maraza, Shelly Rosenstock & Bonnie Zimmermann
		Sunday School	
		10:30am	Budget Discussion Meeting

Rev. Brian Hooper, Pastor - 262-271-8913
 Tabitha Moldenhauer, Music Director
 Mark Breutzmann, Saturday Musician
 Bonnie Zimmermann, Ministry Assistant
 Office phone - 414-421-3543
 Jim Hennessy, Church Maintenance



KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Suzi Angeletti, Bob Brownell, Melissa Cooper, John Drover, Mary Freiburger, Diana Gastrau, Sue Herman, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Carolyn Kahl, Tasha Kopplin, Carol Kucharski, Vic & Sandy Peterson, Teri Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau, Joan Retzlaff, Carole Ropel, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Kim Sussman, John Winter, the family of John Rech Sr. at his passing, and George and Rae Gifford and family at the passing of Rae's mother, Jackie Weishuhn

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Roberta Henrichs, sister-in-law of Joan Retzlaff
Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM
Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne Morgan
Jane Janicki, sister of the Winter Family
Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff
Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law of Barbara & Dan Davies
Karen Stolz, neighbor of Julie Herman
Roger & Kathy Blanchard, cousin of Bob Lieske
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas
Daniel Kilimann, son of Joy Kilimann
Carson Wudtke, grandson of Dan & Barb Davies
Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus
Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau
Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant
Mark Molter, uncle of Fred Ankebrant
Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Nikki Bruneau, friend of Kelly Sachse
James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter
Rose Zovi, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family
Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller
Gloria Klinter, sister-in-law of Shirley Lieske
Sandy, sister of Kevin Ernst
Tom Riedasch brother of Patti Winter
Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton
Hartmut Barsnick
Paula Peterson, sister of Bonnie Court
Ethel Boardman, mother of Carol Manning

Cathy & Mark Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson
Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge", friend of the Homeless
Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski
Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of Karen Miller
Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson
Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan
Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman
Laura Sussman, mother of Kimberly Sussman
Sharon Maschke, sister-in-law of Pam Maschke
Tim Ingram, grandson of Carole & Ron Ropel
Denise Hajos, friend of Kelly Sachse
Bonnie, friend of Kurt & Jenny Koeff
Louie Baumgartner, family member of the Lieske's.
Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse
Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family
Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family
Tom Freiburger, son of Mary Freiburger
Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen
Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tom Schmidt, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Tim Drover, son of John Drover
Alicia Davilla, granddaughter of Barb and Dan Davies
Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani
Vern Koenig, father of Bonnie Daleness
Patti Schultz, daughter-in-law of Deb Perl

HYMN #553 CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

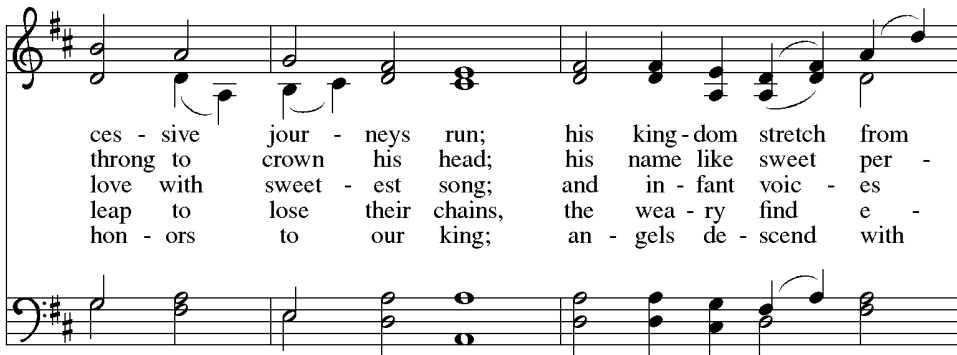


Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

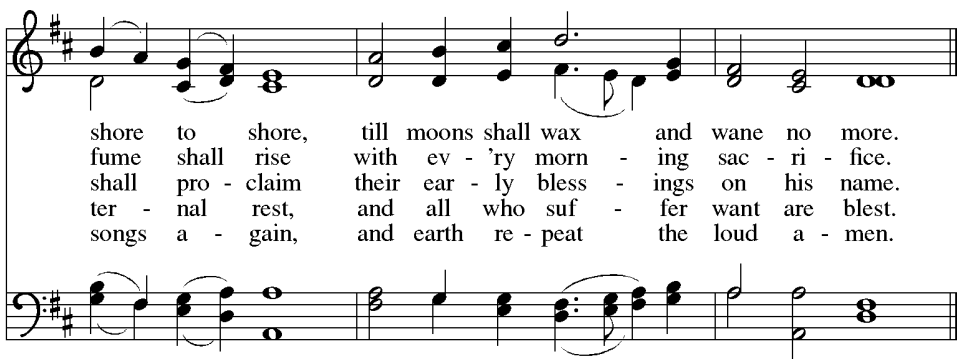
HYMN #434 JESUS SHALL REIGN



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793