HOLY COMMUNION
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday ✡ January 16, 2022 ✡ 10:00 am

The Wedding at Cana
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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” Anton Wilhelmina Leopold
Now the Feast and Celebration

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation
sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and united us to be one great people of God.

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and
glory to Christ forever.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of
God; to make all things new.
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✞ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In ✞ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.
WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

TEMPLE TALK  
*Acts of Kindness*  
Chris Taylor

TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

READING  
*God like the bridegroom and the bride*  
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.

For 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.

2 The 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.

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 You 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.

5 For 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36  
*We feast upon the abundance of your house*  
Aaron David Miller

The cantor sings the refrain, the assembly repeats the refrain and sings as indicated.

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

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READING

A variety of gifts but one Spirit

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.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore 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.

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

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL

The wedding at Cana

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.

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And 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 our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY  “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”  ELW 488

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and

haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light’s splen - dor,

pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less

dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,

there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -

quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed

though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of

joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing; hum - bly now, I bow be -
APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith in the words of the apostles' 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

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.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
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.
*Amen.*

**MEAL**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Greet one another with a gesture of peace.*
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
*And also with you.*

**ANTHEM**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd”*  
Bradley William Roberts

**OFFERTORY SONG**

*“Let the Vineyards”*  
ELW 181

*Stand and sing as the bread and the wine are brought forward.*

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Sheet music follows.

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Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
OFFERTORY PRAYER
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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE
It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.
….our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.
And so we pray and praise: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table
Come to God’s table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion
All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion at this service is served by individual chalices. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Bring your offering forward as you come to receive the meal.

Music during Communion
Lamb of God setting six, page 174
Hymn

"Now the Silence"

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.
Amen.
SENDING

BLESSING
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.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN
“God, Be the Love”  ACS 1084

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

Refrain
O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967
Music: GREEN TYLER, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
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DISMISSAL
Face the processional cross for the dismissal.
Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
“Now the Silence”  Michael Helman

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All are welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of First Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about First Lutheran Church, please contact us at 712 239 3942, or email flcpastor3939@gmail.com.

All are welcome to the Lord’s Table. Please come down the center aisle to receive the bread and wine, returning to your pew by the side aisle. Communion may be received in one kind only (only bread or only wine/juice). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.
FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION

Our Wednesday evening programming continues in January as children, confirmands and their parents gather to study God’s word. This winter we will look closely at the stories of Jesus. Who was he, what did he do, why did he do what he did! Jesus and his disciples provide us with stories of how to live as faithful people of God.

Our programming is on Wednesday’s at 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will continue to mask as we gather in order to keep safe all who wish to attend. As always, if Sioux City schools close due to bad weather, so do we!

ADULT EDUCATION: Lectio Divina

On Thursday’s beginning, at 1 pm, we continue an adult faith formation opportunity. We will gather to read scripture and interpret it utilizing Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is a traditional practice of reading scripture which includes reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. We will study a passage from the Bible each week. There is no prior reading, you can join any week. Consider joining us this winter, the coffee pot is on!

There is a need for five volunteers to work the 4:00 - 6:00 pm shift on Tuesday, January 18th at the Soup Kitchen. Please contact Candy at 712 251 9411 or Carla in the church office if you can help.

The Food Pantry is in need of your spare bags preferably from Fareway and or HyVee.

Food Bank of Siouxland is having their annual Fundraiser called, ‘Empty bowls’ on February 4, 2022. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM at the Delta Hotels Center (Formerly Marina Inn Conference Center) Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Tickets are $50 per person, Lori McClaren will need a head count by Jan. 30, 2022 as this event sells out fast.

Did You Know?

The original First Lutheran Church members were noted for their generosity to build the second church building: some even going so far as to give five dollars of their forty-five-dollar monthly wage.
THIS WEEK AT FIRST
January 16 – January 23, 2021
Sunday: 9:15 Choir Rehearsal in CR
10:00 Worship-In Person/ FB live/Radio
w/Holy Communion
After Worship – 150th Anniversary Task
Force Mtg. in FR
Monday: Office Closed
5:00 – 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym
6:30 – Mary Circle in FR
7:00 Scouts in FH
Tuesday: 10:00 Text Study
5:00 – 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym
6:30 Council in FR
7:00 Kaia in CR
7:00 – 9:00 Pickleball in Gym
Wednesday: 9-11:30 Food Pantry
5:45 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation)
in FH/CR
Thursday: 12:30 Rachel Circle
1:00 Bible Study in FR
7:00 – 9:00 Pickleball in Gym
Friday: 9:00 – Quilters in FH
7:00 AA in FH
Saturday: 9:00 – 11:00 Pickleball in Gym
Sunday: 10:00 Worship-In Person /FB
Live/Radio w/Holy Communion

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Mission and Vision
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