

Second Sunday after Epiphany



*Jesus did this,
the first of
his signs,
in Cana
of Galilee*

JOHN 2:11

January 19, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast, precious and a place of refuge. Welcome, friends. In God, you are loved and safe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" ELW #553

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-10

P No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
C **your steadfast love finds us.**
P No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
C **your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**
P No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
C **your steadfast presence gives us hope.**
P No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
C **you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

C **Almighty God,** *1 Cor. 12:2*
we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.
We have depended on our possessions
and have not placed our trust in your grace.
We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer
and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.
We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.

**Forgive us, we pray.
Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: Christ is the light of the world,
Who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.
Thanks be to God.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You" (vs. 1-3) ELW #312
(Alt. tune: ELW #275)

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.**

LESSON: 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.

PSALM 36:5-10

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

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

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

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

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

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

LESSON: 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C **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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord of Light" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #688

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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 Pilot,
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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #884

****OFFERING PRAYER**

John 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:7

P At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

CHARGE

P And now, from the One who is indeed the giver of all good gifts:
go and share what God has given you;
go and proclaim that God's love is here;
go in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new.

****BLESSING**

Ps. 36:8-9; 1 Cor. 12:1-12

P May the Spirit's love,
flowing like water across the face of the earth,
fill you with every gift for the good of the world.
And the blessing of God, be with you always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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