



Second Sunday after Epiphany  
*God Delivers More Than  
We Ask, Not Less*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

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January 19, 2025

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## TODAY’S THEME

It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality – that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a “help desk” or 911 dispatch, God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

## CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki  
**Organist**.....Lois Zander

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

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

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, 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 un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

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

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

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## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

*The prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage. As our bridegroom, Christ delivers more than that for which we ask.*

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. 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. Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 145A I Will Exalt My God and King

Psalm 145A sts. 1–7

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14–21

*St. Paul teaches that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.*

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, <sup>19</sup>and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

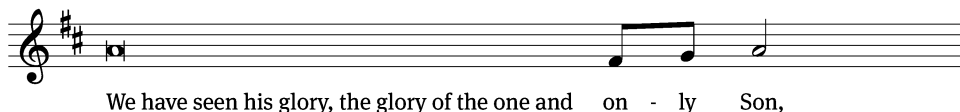
John 1:14



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

John 2:1-11

*To spare a newlywed couple embarrassment from having run out of wine, Mary asks Jesus to do something. Jesus delivers more than his mother asks, turning water into the choicest of wine.*

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each

holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” And they did. When 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 and 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!” This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **375 Arise and Shine in Splendor**

CW 375

### **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

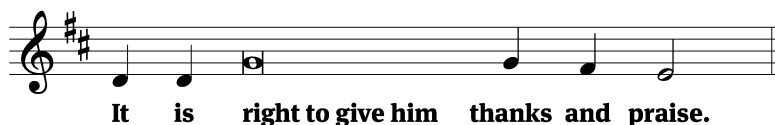
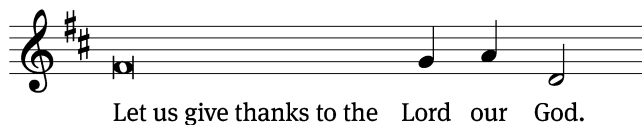
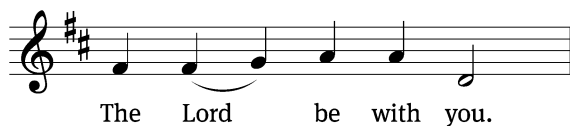
During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

# The Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

CW 199



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

## Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Lamb of God

CW 202

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 sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 662 Draw Near

CW 662

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### 510 In Christ Alone

CW 510 sts. 1–2

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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
500 W Church St Belle Plaine, MN 56011  
January 25th  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Join us for the return of “The Looney Lutherans” at Trinity.  
A lunch will be served beginning at noon, with a show to follow.  
All ladies from high school and up are invited to come!**

**Tickets cost \$15 and will be available for purchase after church on  
January 5th, 12th, and 19th. Tickets can also be purchased during the  
week in the Trinity church office.**

**Contact Joann Pomije at 952-201-8301 with any questions.**

# News & Notes

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## **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Ruth Stocker in memory of Willie Stocker. Thank you!

## **Radio Broadcast Price Increase**

Please note that the cost of sponsoring the radio broadcast in 2025 has increased to \$70. This went into effect on January 1st.

## **Choir**

Choir practice will resume January 20, at 7:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

## **Committee and Organization Reports**

A reminder that Committee and Organization reports are due by January 31. The easiest way to submit them is to email them as a document to [office.spljordan@gmail.com](mailto:office.spljordan@gmail.com).

## **2025 Calendars**

There are calendars available in the Gathering Area from Ballard Sunder Funeral Home. Please take one.

## **Easter Silent Auction**

Lent is just around the corner. The Women of Woven are hosting a silent auction and need your help. We are looking for donations of items for this event. If you own a business that provides a service or you are crafty, have handmade goods including gift baskets, we need your help. We are also looking for gift cards for area businesses or if you want to donate funds for us to purchase them. Please bring them to the church office for Woven from now until March 2nd. The silent auction will open for bidding on Ash Wednesday and close after Easter breakfast. This will be a cash or check only event and will use your offering number as your bidding number. The proceeds will be used to fund the many mission and outreach projects of Woven. If you have any questions, please see a member of Woven.

## **Crockpots and Cornhole**

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Woven will be hosting a “crockpot potluck” event along with a cornhole tournament, Bingo, and Candy bar walk. Bring your favorite crockpot dish to share! Potluck starts at 12 pm, the Cornhole tournament is at 1 pm, followed by Bingo and the Candy bar walk at 1:30 pm.

# JANUARY 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	6	7	8 Foundations 6 pm	9 Senior Coffee Fellowship 10 am	10	11
12 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship Sunday	13 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Foundations 6 pm	16 Theology on Tap 6:30 pm Mana Brewing	17	18
19 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	20 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	21 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	22 Foundations 6 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Conne- ction	27 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	28	29 Foundations 6 pm	30	31	

## SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
1/19	9 Am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
1/26	9 AM	Izzy Kalal	3	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
2/2	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

January Altar Guild	January Cleaners
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	-
January Counters	Winter Service Group Leader
-	Need Volunteer
February Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Melanie Sparby/Jodi Bertrang	1/12 -

Attendance	
Sunday	74
Monday	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1038	\$3834
Online Giving	\$416	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1454</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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