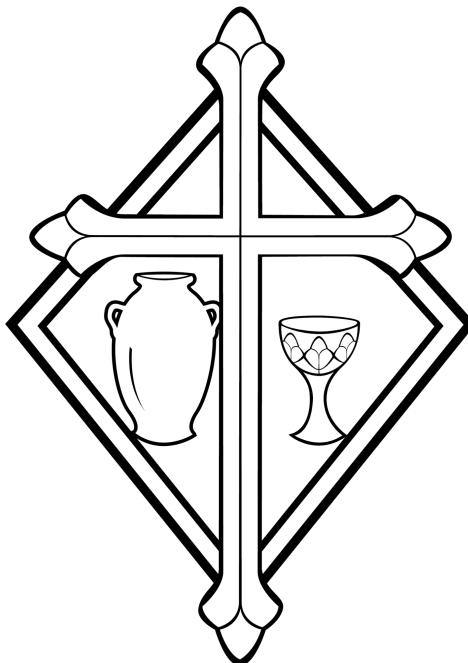


**Saved By Grace  
Lutheran Church**

**Epiphany 2**

***Theme: Marriage and Family***

**January 18, 2026**



We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life. We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ. We are a Christian church that gathers to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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**1. A Hymn #172, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (stand at the last verse)**

**2. The Confession of Sin**

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**3. The Versicles,**

O Lord open my lips.

♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise

Make haste O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever-more. A-men.

Alleluia

**4. The Invitatory / Venite**

O come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ For He is our Maker.

♪ 'Oh come, let us sing to 'the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of 'our salvation. 'Let us come before His presence with thanks-'giving; and make a joyful 'noise to Him with psalms. 'For the LORD is the gre-'at God, And the great 'King above all gods. 'In His hand are the deep places of 'the earth; the strength of the hills is 'His also. 'The sea is His, for He 'made it; And His hands 'form-ed the dry land. 'Oh come, let us worship and b-'ow down; Let us kneel before the 'LORD our Maker. 'For He is 'our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the 'sheep of His hand. 'Glory be to the Father, and to 'the Son, and 'to the Holy Ghost. 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever 'shall be: for-'evermore. Amen.

## 6: The Psalmody: Psalm 66 (selected verses)

### *Antiphon*

♪ He rules by His power forever; His eyes ob`serve the nations;/ Do not let the rebellious `exalt themselves.

### *The Psalm*

♪ **Make a joyful shout to God, / all `the earth!**

Sing out the hon`or of His name;/ Make `His praise glorious.

**Say to God, "How awe`some are Your works! / Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit `themselves to You.**

All the earth shall worship You And sing `praises to You;/ They shall sing prais`es to Your name."

**Come and see `the works of God; / He is awesome in His doing toward `the sons of men.**

For You, O God, `have tested us;/ You have refined us as sil`ver is refined.

**You brought us `into the net; / You laid afflict`tion on our backs.**

You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire `and through water;/ But You brought us out to `rich fulfillment.

**Come and hear, all `you who fear God, / And I will declare what He has `done for my soul.**

**Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. Amen.**

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## 7. The Lection, p. 112

### **Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 29:15-30**

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you *are* my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *should* your wages *be*?" Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel. Leah's eyes *were* delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.

Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter." And Laban said, "*It is* better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her." And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast. Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah *as* a maid. So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"

And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the

firstborn. Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years." Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also. And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid. Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-16

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering*; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.*

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. **♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

**8. A Hymn: #167:1,2,3,7 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"**

**9. Sermon Text and Theme:** Genesis 29:15-30, “Jesus Is Present with His Bride, the Church, in All Her Trials and Crosses”

**10. An Offering:** As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings **HYMN #105:1**

♪The world may hold  
Her wealth and gold;  
But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true treasure.  
To him hold fast  
Until at last  
A crown be thine and honor in full measure

- ELH #161:6

**11. The Canticle;** Hymn Version of the Benedictus, **Hymn #46**

**12/13. The Sufrages/Lord's Prayer**, p. 140

**14. The Collect**, p. 118 (at bottom of the page)

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

**15. The Benedicamus**

Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Thanks be to God.**

**16. The Benediction**

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

**17. A Hymn, “Go My Children”**

Go, My children with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing -  
You are my own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.

Hear you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children: I will keep you  
And give you peace.

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