

Life Sunday

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**    **January 17th**  
Divine Service Setting 3            8:00a.m., 10:30a.m.

**2021 Theme: Back to the Basics**

### **Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory**

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that *"the mountains shall drip sweet wine"* (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The *"back"* of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to *"love one another with brotherly affection . . ."* and to *"outdo one another in showing honor"* (Rom. 12:6–16).

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Expectant Mother** + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Lois Bullard + Maxine Weseman + Lisa Novak + Kay Krueger + Jeanne Buck + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

**Birthdays** 1/19 Gary Ockinga 1/21 Kathy LeBeau 1/22 Carrie Lacy 1/23 Zach Ziesler **Baptism** 1/19 Gary Ockinga 1/21 Kathy LeBeau 1/23 Joan Primrose **Wedding Anniversaries** 1/18 Cody & Molly Rajdl

**Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9**

### **What to listen for during the service?**

Jesus was at a wedding feast when He changed water into wine as we hear in our Gospel. When do we hear about a feast during the service? What is given in this feast?



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**“Thy Strong Word”**

LSB 578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
 At Thy speaking it was done.  
 For created light we thank Thee,  
 While Thine ordered seasons run.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
 Dark as night and deep as death,  
 Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
 Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
 Bright with Thine own holiness,  
 Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
 And our lives our hopes confess.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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✠ **SERVICE OF PREPARATION** ✠

*The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

**INTROIT**

*(Ps. 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4, 92:1)*



L: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;\*  
 they sing praises to your name.

**C: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,\*  
 to sing praises to your name, O Most High.  
 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”  
 So great is your power that your enemies come  
 cringing to you.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**C: 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,  
 world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee,  
for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,**

**receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 33:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*(Ps. 107:20-21)*

**C: He sent out his word and | healed them,\***

**and delivered them from their de- | struction.**

**Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\***

**for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 12:6-16*

<sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

<sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*(Ps. 148:2)*

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

L: Praise him, all his | angels;\*  
praise him, | all his hosts!

**C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 2:1-11*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

**"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"**

*LSB 490*

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.
- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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### SERMON

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

*(Please stand)*

### OFFERTORY

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*(Please sit as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

#### ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: ... For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*(Please sit)*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**

*LSB 851*

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
“You have done it all to Me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv'n to you”?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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*After all have communed*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart in ☩ peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory  
of Thy people Israel. 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,  
world without end. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,  
who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the  
flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us  
pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to  
forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and  
minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled  
constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

### “The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

- 1 The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev’ry grace endued.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*In order to assist with social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).*

### The Fifth Commandment

*You shall not murder.*

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**L.W.M.L. 7:00p.m. Quarterly Meeting** will be held Monday, January 18th for a short meeting. Thanks, Janelle Ham

**9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Prayer Service** (live stream) and at 9:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday, January 19th 6:00p.m. Special Council Meeting**

**Youth** meet @ 7:45p.m. Wednesday’s in January.

**Sermon on the Mount: A Sermon for Life** We all want to truly live. Jesus teaches us the way! Join us for a four session bible study looking at Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. The first session will be Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm. Our final session will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you’ve never been to bible class, or if it’s been a while, this bite size study will be a great one to try out.

Our Lord Jesus stands for life! Let's stand with Him! The most important way to stand with Jesus is to fall on our knees in prayer. Today we celebrate Life Sunday during our regular worship service. On **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm**, we will have a special Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion. The service will confront us with the tragedy of abortion and yet leave us with hope. It will last about 30 minutes.

Let's stand up for life by collecting items to donate to *Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center* starting Today, Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. According to their website they will gladly take new or gently used baby or maternity items. Here is a list of items they currently need: Baby wipes + Size 4, 5, 6, & 7 diapers + Baby food and formula + Baby and Toddler Toys + Strollers and car seats (combo or separate) + Cribs/ Crib mattresses + Crib sheets, towels, washcloths + Little kids plates, bowls, spoons, forks + 3 month- 3T clothes and shoes.

#### **Sunday, January 24th 9:30 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting**

Please note we will be voting on whether we become an association member at Heartland Lutheran High School.

**Portals of Prayer Jan.-Mar. & Higher Things Devotions** - available in the Narthex, copies Jan. 24 – Feb. 16, 2021.

**Unable To Attend Church** our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. Also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 8 am on Sundays and 2:30 pm on Tuesdays .

**Lifequote:** "Abortion isn't something happening in another state or county or city. It is happening right in our backyards. And now we know many [who have had abortions] attend churches regularly and are sitting in our church pews looking for answers. May the Lord provide the answers needed to send a message of hope and forgiveness as well as proclaiming abortion to not be in God's will." *Virginia J. Flo, Minnesota Regional Director & National Conference Director for Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

**Study God's Word in 2021...** Wouldn't you like to spend more time in God's Word this year? Have you tried in the past but haven't been able to maintain the habit of daily Bible study? We've made it easier for you. It's a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study called "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." This on-demand podcast is hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen anytime, anywhere [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Community Dialogues: February and March. Your voice is needed!** Are you interested in helping our community thrive? Do you have perspectives to share about what is needed and wanted to help South Central Nebraska be the best place to raise a family? If so, we would love your input! The Community Impact Network of Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster counties will be hosting virtual community conversations and you are invited. Check out more information and register at <https://unitedwayscene.org/rec/>.

National Lutheran Schools Week is January 24-30, 2021. "**Sent to Serve**" is the theme for the 2021 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration, from Matthew 20:28: "*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" In this spirit, Heartland Lutheran High School will be hosting an open house on Sunday January 31, 3-5 p.m., as well as a middle schoolers (grades 5-8) visit day on Tuesday February 9. Contact the HLHS school office for information at 308-385-3900, [office@heartlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@heartlandlutheran.org).