

It is the Mission of Mountainside Lutheran Church to give Glory to God
through our Worship
and by helping people understand and respond to the Gospel.

Notes on today's appointed Scripture Readings

The **Gospel** records an event that follows the Epiphany season theme of *manifesting* or *revealing* Jesus' divine identity and mission. The metaphor of marriage in the **Old Testament** reading loosely connects it to the Gospel which records Jesus attending a wedding.

There was evidently a divisive controversy among the believers in Corinth concerning the value and relative status of the various spiritual gifts. Paul addresses this matter in chapters 12 & 13 of First Corinthians, which will constitute the **Epistle** reading beginning today and continuing for the next two Sundays.

***Members, Guests, & Visitors:** That we might have a record of attendance, we ask that you fill out the Pew Pad and pass it to the others in your row. Thank you!*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

THE DIVINE SERVICE

* = all stand

*Invocation and Confession

We begin our worship acknowledging the one true God, the Holy Trinity, who, through water and the Word in Holy Baptism has called each of us by name and made us His child.

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

**In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

That we might offer our worship and receive God's blessings with a clear

conscience, let us confess to Him our sins and receive His absolution.

O God, in Your love and Your wisdom You have created us and have revealed to us Your will and commandments.

But we have at times doubted Your love, rejected Your wisdom, and rebelled against Your law.

In response You sent not Your wrath to destroy us, but Your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

He came among us: teaching, healing, serving. He came to love us to the end.

And yet He was betrayed by one who offered a kiss – one who called Him “Lord” and “friend” – a betrayal in which we all, by our sins, play a part.

Forgive us, Lord, for we have sinned.

Silence for reflection and personal confession of sins to God

Upon your confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by the authority and command of the Lord Jesus Christ [John 20:22-23], I forgive you your sins: in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

+ Service of the Word +

***Opening Verses** (Ps. 365-9; antiphon: Song of Sol. 2:4)

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep;

man and beast You save, O Lord.

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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and His banner over me was love.

***Opening Hymn** *“O Day of Rest and Gladness”* *hymnal #906*

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who promised salvation to Your people throughout the ages, we give thanks that You have fulfilled Your promises in Your Son's life, death, and resurrection. And we pray that Your Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts to trust in those promises, would keep us firm in the faith until we join all Your saints at the wedding banquet of the Lamb in His kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The appointed Readings for the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall

be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You 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. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

[Following the reading:] This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

[Following the reading:] This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Verse**

Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

And His disciples believe in Him. Alleluia.

***The Holy Gospel** according to St. John, chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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."

¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

[Following the reading:] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" hymnal #399

Sermon

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and + the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [Be seated]

[*The Prayer concludes: ...let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*]

Offering and Voluntary

Guests and Visitors: please see "Regarding the Lord's Supper" on the inside front cover of this worship folder

Offertory Prayer

Receive, O Father, this bread and wine – fruits of the earth, and this money – the products of our labors, which we offer to You in token of the sacrifice of our lives. Receive them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ Service of the Holy Eucharist +

***The 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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. By Your grace and Holy Spirit, we, like His disciples at Cana, believe and trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to fulfill Your promises granting us forgiveness and salvation. Together with the saints of all times and places, we shall join Him, the Bridegroom of the Church, at the heavenly wedding banquet---the eternal feast to come. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY 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!

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for in the Person of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have kept all the promises You made throughout all time. Gathered as His bride, the Church, we ask You to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant that we may faithfully receive Him as He comes to us under bread and wine in this foretaste of the eternal marriage feast to come. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

With humble, repentant, and grateful hearts, we remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread....

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? [1 Cor. 10:16]

Therefore: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. [1 Cor. 11:26]

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. [Rev. 22:20]

And now, in the words Jesus has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Amen.

The Distribution

*While others are receiving the Sacrament,
you are encouraged to use the time for meditation and/or prayer.*

(After all have communed, and at the pastor's invitation: all stand)

Let us pray. We give thanks, Lord our God, for in this Sacrament You have again given us tangible assurance that all Your promises are fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection. Keep us firm in true faith until we see Him face to face in Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Benediction**

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.

***Closing Hymn** *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”* hymnal #922

***Dismissal and Postlude**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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