

# Wednesday of Epiphany II

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*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD*

## Hymn of Invocation: 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

### Order of Worship: p. 184

#### Introit

*Psalm 66:1–2; antiphon: v. 4*



All the earth shall worship Thee and shall sing unto Thee, | O God;\*

they shall sing unto Thy name, O | Thou Most High.

Make a joyful noise unto God, | all ye lands:\*

sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise | glorious.



Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

All the earth shall worship Thee and shall sing unto Thee, | O God;\*

they shall sing unto Thy name, O | Thou Most High.

#### Kyrie - Collect of the Day p. 186ff

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### First Lesson

*Colossians 1:25–28*

Brethren: You have heard of the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Alleluia



Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

#### Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:14–22a*

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And

when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

**Apostles' Creed**

**Hymn of the Day: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here**

**Offertory p. 192 ff**

**Prayer of the Church** **P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

**Preface - Agnus Dei p. 194ff**

*Distribution Voluntary: 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

**Nunc Dimitis - Benediction p. 199 ff**

**Hymn to Depart: 371 Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness**

**Looking Forward to Sunday (Conversion of St. Paul)**

Lessons: Exodus 3:1-14, Acts 9:1-22, Matthew 19:27-30

Hymns: 611-517:1,12,3-573-This Is the Feast 1/356/378/383/395/661/578-417

**Looking Forward to Next Wednesday (Transfiguration observed)**

Lessons: II Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Hymns: 414-413-477-633/537-417

# We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

## Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

## The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



## Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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