

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 13 & 16, 2022

*Delight Uncovered: God Delivers More Than We
Ask, Not Less*

Opening Hymn (From Supplement)..... 749, “The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”
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Prayer of the Day: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalms of the Day.....Psalm 133-134 (page 115)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *He said to me, “You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.”* Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day 91, “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

SERMON..... “The Message of Christ’s First Miracle” John 2:1-11

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Communion Hymn.....313, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

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Closing Hymn 316, “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

God wants you to know joy. There are few occasions in life more joyful than a wedding. So the prophet Isaiah pictures the Church’s relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage.

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.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

St. Paul teaches us 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, from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, 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, 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. 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, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

Jesus increases the joy of those attending a wedding and saves the bridegroom from public shame. In this first of his miracles, he also begins to reveal himself as true God.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION: Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.

CALL MEETING: A call meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday (TODAY)** immediately following the worship service. A call will be extended for a Gr. 1-2 teacher to replace Miss Sara Wentzel whose one-year assignment here will terminate at the end of the current school year. The call which we had extended to Ms. Anna Potter back in early December has been returned. All voting members are urged to participate!

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: The Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**, at **8:00 PM**. New church officers will be elected at this meeting, and those nominated are posted in the school hallway on the church bulletin board. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

PTL MEETING: School parents are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, January 17**, at **6:30 PM** at the school. All parents are urged to take an active role in what's going on at the school throughout the year. Your input is always valued!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, January 30**. Annual elections of officers will be held and activities for 2022 will be discussed. All members are invited to participate!

ALTAR GUILD: The next meeting of the Altar Guild is set for **Tuesday, January 25**, at **6:30 PM**. If you would like to become a member or would like to learn more about the Altar Guild, please feel free to attend this upcoming meeting. New members are always welcome and needed!

FYSH OUTING: The next outing for the FYSH Group will take place on **Saturday, January 29**, at **2:00 PM** at **Sunburst Ski Hill** in **Kewaskum**. The group will be snow tubing! There will be no cost for this event as an anonymous donor has graciously offered to cover the costs for the group. We do, however, need to have a count of the number of people who will be attending. If you wish to participate, please **RSVP** to **Cheri Youngbeck (920-296-1028)** or **Tanya Wald (414-627-2050)** by **Monday, January 24**.

WLA "LET'S CELEBRATE": This year's *Let's Celebrate* date is **Sunday, January 30**, from **11:30 AM – 4:00 PM**. Entertainment for this event will be provided by the WLA bands and choirs as well as some of the Association grade schools. Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Pies, tortes, and ice cream will be available. There will be games and prizes for the younger children, and a silent auction will also be held. Help celebrate the many blessings God has given to WLA over the past 97 years!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 74

Offerings: \$4,955.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)

Special Funds: Undesignated Memorial (Debt Retirement): \$20.00

Memorials: In Memory of Patrice Resheske: \$20.00 *(Undesignated)*

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service9:00 AM CALL MEETING – Immediately following worship service NO Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School
Monday:	PTL Meeting6:30 PM
Wednesday:	ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING8:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service7:00 PM Adult Choir.....8:00 PM Scip Orders Due
Sunday:	Worship Service9:00 AM Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM