

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16 & 19, 2025

*God Delivers More Than We Ask, Not Less*

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Opening Hymn .....375, "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

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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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**..... Psalm 145B

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 161

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and \*/ only Son, who came from the Father, full of \*/ grace and truth.*

### GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day .....611, "Joyously I'll Praise My Savior"

**SERMON**..... "Lord, Increase Our Faith" John 2:1-11

Offering Hymn ..... 717 v. 2, "What Is the World to Me"

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Hymn ..... 578, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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Closing Hymn ..... 582 vv. 1 & 2, "Not unto Us"

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### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

**The prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage. As our bridegroom, Christ delivers more than that for which we ask.**

*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 READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

**St. Paul teaches 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: John 2:1-11

**To spare a newlywed couple embarrassment from having run out of wine, Mary asks Jesus to do something. Jesus delivers more than his mother asks, turning water into the choicest of wine.**

*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:** We apologize for any inconvenience; however, communion will not be offered at today's service.

**HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK:** Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

**WE THANK** retired Pastor Timothy Bauer for leading us in worship and sharing God's message with us today. Pastor Bauer is filling in for Pastor Mose as he and his family went to Michigan to attend the funeral of Pastor and Connie's brother-in-law, Derek Yarger. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**ORGANISTS:** The **February** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. There are also still some open dates for January. Please look at those to see if you would be able to fill them as well. Thank you!

**CALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** At the Call Meeting which was held this past Wednesday, January 15, a divine call was issued to Pastor Nathan Schulte, who is currently serving on our WELS Latin American Mission Team in Ecuador, South America. Pastor Schulte and his wife, Alyssa, are expecting their first child in July. Please keep Pastor Schulte and his family in your prayers as he deliberates our call as well as the call he currently holds on the Latin American Mission Team.

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** The following are highlights from the Annual Voters' Meeting which was held this past Wednesday, January 15: Membership action included: NONE.

The following men were elected as officers or board members: Chairman – Doug Schulz; Trustee – Curt Schellinger (inc.); School Board – Brian Youngbeck (inc.); Stewardship – Austin Kriewald; Elder – Jeremy Johnson; Cemetery – Mark Callies. Wayne Schultz will remain as the Financial Secretary. Installation of the new officers will take place on **Sunday, January 26**.

In other business, 1) It was m/s/p to authorize the church Chairman (Doug Schulz) and Treasurer (Lyle Moldenhauer) to establish a line of credit at the Horicon Bank for use by the church as needed.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** The 2024 Annual Report is available today. You may pick up a copy of the report from the table at the back of church.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Please pick up your contribution statements for 2024 from your church mail slots if you have not already done so and review them for any discrepancies. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with our Financial Secretary, **Wayne Schultz**, as soon as possible in the event a new statement needs to be printed. Thank you!

**WLA TRAVELING CHOIR HERE!** Next **Sunday, January 26**, at **9:00 AM** we will be privileged to have the WLA Traveling Choir in attendance to help lead us through worship. Please join us for this very special worship opportunity! Please also be aware that we will be taking a **free-will offering** that day to help defray some of the costs for this traveling choir.

**SERVICE GROUP MEETING:** The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, January 26**. Annual elections of officers will be held and activities for 2025 will be discussed. All members are invited to participate!

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The next meeting of the Altar Guild is set for **Tuesday, January 28**, 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!

(ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON INSERT →)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We are in need of someone or a group of families who would be willing to clean the church for 2-3 hours per week. In the event there is not just one person/family who wants to do this, we would also look at getting a few people/families involved where each person/family would clean a week or two at a time on a rotating basis. If either of these volunteer opportunities is something you would consider, please speak with Pastor Mose or Debbi Foulkes today! Wayne Schultz can also provide you with additional details of what exactly would be involved in the cleaning, so feel free to speak to him as well.

**CHILI/BINGO/DONUTS!** The PTL will be hosting their second annual chili luncheon & bingo event on **Sunday, February 23, 2025**. Mark your calendars today and watch for additional details about this event as the time draws closer.

**EVERYONE OUTREACH:** The time is fast approaching for the *Everyone Outreach* program which our congregation is hosting. *Everyone Outreach* is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in outreach. There is no cost to attend! It is scheduled for **March 1, 2025**, from **9:00 AM – 2:30 PM**. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. We would like to have as much participation from our members as possible! Any questions about this program may be directed to **Scott Mittelstadt**.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in loving memory of Wayne's mother, Louise Schultz.

**WE THANK** the students in Gr. 6-8 for their lovely song on Sunday morning!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 18; Sunday: 96

**Offerings:** \$4,127.26

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$45.00



*We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plate located on the table at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.*

**OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

Sunday:      Worship Service .....9:00 AM  
              NO Adult Bible Class  
              Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

Thursday:    Worship Service .....7:00 PM  
              Adult Choir.....8:00 PM  
              **SCRIP ORDERS DUE**

Sunday:      Worship Service (**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**).....9:00 AM  
              (**WLA Traveling Choir @ 9:00 AM Worship Service**)  
              *Service Group Meeting – Immediately following fellowship hour*



***Remember to pray for our shut-ins:***

- Irmgard Meyer** – At Home - N5566 Buchanan Road, Hartford
- Jerome Bilgrien** – At Home – N4631 Lake Dr., Hustisford
- Janice Schultz** – Wellington Place at Hartford, 615 Hilldale Dr., Hartford
- Virginia Wendorff** – At Home – 420 Short Street, Mayville
- Anna Zwygart** – At Home – 1526 Ridgewood Dr., West Bend

145B I Will Praise Your Name Forever .....Psalm 145B

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the Lord and most wor- / thy of praise;  
his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;  
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The Lord upholds / all who fall  
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.  
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The Lord is near to all who / call on him,  
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;  
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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