

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact Pastor Doug (980)234-8848.

* = Stand *Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy*

PRELUDE *Please observe silence for meditation.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

* **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and confession.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* **GATHERING HYMN:** **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** **LBW 551**

* **GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Empower us to recognize and value the gifts of others and through the strengthening of faith use our own gifts for the work of the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For 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. ²The 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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 139 (selected verses)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

¹³For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!**

¹⁸If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

**²³Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!**

**²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

SECOND READING: 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The congregation is invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia

LBW PG. 62

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When 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 ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

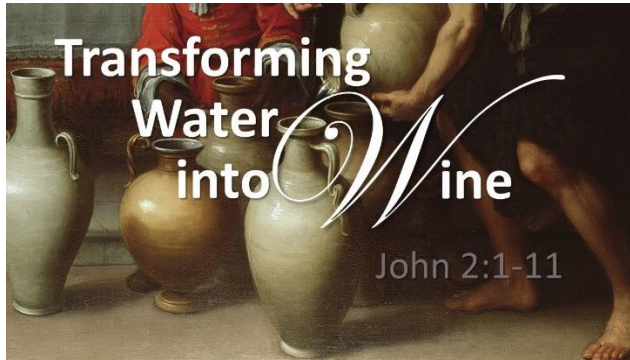
C: Praise to You O Christ!

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Running on Empty: Turn to Jesus, Trust Him, and Be Transformed!" Pastor Doug

The congregation is invited to stand.



* **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Jesus Come! For We Invite You

Tune: Regent Square (Angels from the Realms of Glory)

**1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding,
speak, and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting,
hope be born and joy restored.**

**2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.**

**3 Jesus, come in new creation,
heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory
changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples
come, our first and greatest sign!**

**4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!**

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

LBW PG. 65

Response at the end of each petition.

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Worshipers may greet one another with "the Peace of Christ" or similar words.
The assembly may be seated.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

Let the Vineyards

LBW PG. 66

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, you receive us again into your arms and invite us to be nourished as your dear children at your table of grace. We pray that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ Jesus, our life would be transformed and strengthened so that we might shine with the light of Christ as we share ourselves and your gifts with all the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. **Amen**

* DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

LBW PG. 68

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LBW PG. 69

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LBW PG. 70

* LORD'S PRAYER

LBW PG. 71

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come share in the Bread of Life and the Wine of God's love in Christ that never runs out!

C: Thanks be to God!

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

LBW PG. 72

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together"

LBW 212

Amazing Grace

LBW 448

The congregation is invited to stand.

* COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with the heavenly food of your body and blood. As we go now, nourished in faith and love, be present with us today, tomorrow and forever so that we will tell and live-out the story of your never-ending love in the precious and powerful name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

* BLESSING

P: May Christ, our Bridegroom, send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. May the hand of God protect you; God's holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN:

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

LBW 699

* **DISMISSAL:**

P: Marvelously and wonderfully made in God's image, redeemed in our Lord Jesus Christ, and filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice in the gift of life and answer God's call to honor and protect the sacredness of all life. Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Michael, Debi & Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Scott, Carolyn Whisnant, Nancy Willis

Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village)

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Patsy Bumgardner, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Dennis D'Alessio, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Wendy Hannah, J.C., Lily Rose, Alyssa McCary, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Marc Sigmon, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, Monica Thomas, Kelly Wesson, United States of America, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

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COMING UP AT GRACE

Today: Baptism of our Lord

9:15am – Sunday School

10:30am - Worship Celebration

- ❖ The Ministers: The People of Grace
- ❖ Pastor: Doug Hefner
- ❖ Organist: Sandi Tallant
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Kristi Tucker
- ❖ Leadership Board President: Tim Eckard
- ❖ Ushers: James Wilfong & Jack Wilfong

Monday: 6:00pm -Leadership Ministry Board

Friday: Church Office Closed

- ❖ Altar Preparation: Herb & Libby Travis
- ❖ Lector: Stormy Shull
- ❖ Communion Assistants: Herb & Libby Travis
- ❖ Youth Leader: Stormy Shull
- ❖ Offering Tabulators: Todd Childers & Sheila
- ❖ Custodian: Chris Abernethy