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**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
***January 14<sup>th</sup> -- anno Domini 2024***

God refused to show his face to Moses. He told him that no one can see God's face and live. So he showed him only his backside. Nevertheless, he promised to dwell with his people. Now that Christ has come, God has revealed his face. His first sign, which he performed at a wedding in Cana, was how Jesus manifested his glory, the same glory Moses longed to see. But now God dwells in flesh and blood.

And yet, who among us has seen the face of Jesus? Yes, we have been baptized, and we regularly eat his body and blood, which was given up for our sins. But can we, with our eyes, see Jesus? No, we cannot. We can see water, bread, and wine. We can see a preacher preaching. Meanwhile, we can see that our lives are not without sin. Marriages and other relationships often fall apart. Where is the face of God in all of this? It may seem that we are, like Moses, being held in check under the law, the backside of God, which gives us good direction but does not actually show us our Father's mercy. Are we being led through the wilderness of Sinai? Did not the Son of God come in the flesh to make all things new? Did he not manifest his glory to his disciples? Yes, he did. Jesus revealed the face of God by blessing a marriage feast. He took water, which only washes outwardly, and made it wine, which gladdens the heart (Ps. 104:15). He made good wine, not the kind you just drink after your tastebuds are numbed from alcohol. It signifies his invitation to us that we taste and see that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8), and that his mercies are new every morning (Lam 3:23). This miraculous wine was a sign that he would make all things new by his suffering and death for the sins of the world. The face of God publicly revealed at Cana is now publicly proclaimed among us. Though we continue to see the back of God showing us our sinful hearts, the Word of Christ promises that we shall see his face. In the meantime, though we cannot see it, he reveals his face to us in his Word and Sacraments. And we behold it by faith.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Holy Communion

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *By Grace I'm Saved, Grace free and Boundless* TLH #373  
*Stand for final stanza*

## Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

Service of the Word

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## Introit

All the earth shall | worship You,\*  
and sing praises to | You, O God.

**They shall sing praises | to Your name;\***

**to Your name, | O Most High.** (*Psalm 66:4, 92:1*)

Make a joyful shout to God, | all the earth!\*

Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise | glorious.

**Say to God, "How awesome | are Your works!\***

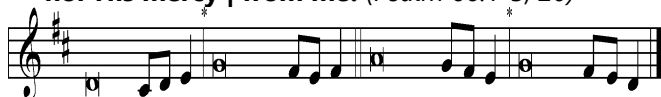
**All the earth shall sing prais- | es to You."**

Come and see the | works of God;\*

He is awesome in His doing toward the | sons of men.

**Blessed be God, who has not turned a- | way my prayer,\***

**nor His mercy | from me!** (*Psalm 66:1-5, 20*)



**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** ∞ *Exodus 33:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "You tell me, 'Take these people into the land,' but You haven't told me who it is You're sending with me. You say, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor with Me.' <sup>13</sup>And now if You're kind to me, let me know Your ways so I can understand You and continue to find favor with You. And also think of how this nation is Your people."

<sup>14</sup>"I Myself will go with you." He said, "and put your mind at rest."

<sup>15</sup>"If You're not going with us," Moses told Him, "don't make us leave here. <sup>16</sup>How can anyone know You're kind to me and to Your people? Isn't it by Your going with us? Then I and Your people will be different from all other people on earth."

<sup>17</sup>"I will do what you say," the LORD answered Moses, "because I am kind to you

and know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> "Please," he said, "let me see Your glory."

<sup>19</sup> "I will let all My goodness pass by you," He said, "and will call out the name 'the LORD [YAHWEH]' before you. I will be merciful to whom I want to be merciful and will pity whom I want to pity. <sup>20</sup>You can't see My face," He added, "because a man can't see My face and live.

<sup>21</sup> "See, here is a place by Me," the LORD said. "Stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup>And when My glory passes by, I will put you in a crack in the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take My hand away, and you'll see My back; but My face must not be seen."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

He sent His word and | healed them,\*

and delivered them from their de- | structions.

**Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His | goodness,\***

**and for His wonderful works to the child- | ren of men! (Psalm 107:20-21)**



### Epistle ✞ Romans 12:6-16

We have gifts that are different according to what His grace gave us. If you can speak God's Word, do it according to the faith. <sup>7</sup> If you can serve, then serve. If you can teach, teach. <sup>8</sup> If you can encourage, encourage. If you share, be generous. If you manage anything, do it eagerly. If you help people in need, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love sincerely. Hate evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another tenderly as fellow Christians. Outdo one another in showing respect. <sup>11</sup> Don't be backward in zeal. Let your spirit glow. Serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be happy in your hope, patient in trouble, and keep busy praying. <sup>13</sup> Share what you have with the holy people who need it. Eagerly welcome strangers as guests.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless, and don't curse them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Don't be too ambitious, but go along with the humble ways of others. *Don't think you are wise.*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

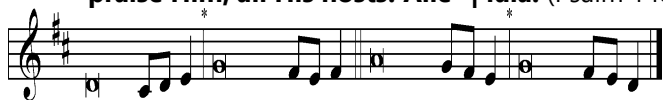
*Alleluia Verse*

Alle- | luia.\*

Alle- | luia.

**Praise Him, all His | angels;\***

**praise Him, all His hosts! Alle- | luia.** (Psalm 148:2)



## Triple Hallelujah

### Gospel *John 2:1-11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Two days later there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the people were out of wine, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They don't have any wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Will you leave that to Me, woman?" Jesus asked her. "It isn't the right time yet."

<sup>5</sup>His mother told the waiters, "Do anything He tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Six stone water jars were standing there for the religious washings of the Jews. Each jar held 18 to 27 gallons.

<sup>7</sup>"Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. And they filled them to the top.

<sup>8</sup>"Now take some of it," He told them, "and take it to the manager of the dinner." So they took it to him.

<sup>9</sup>When the manager tasted the water that had been changed to wine, he didn't know where it was from; only the waiters who had dipped the water knew. So the manager called the groom. <sup>10</sup>"Everyone serves his good wine first," he told him, "and when people have drunk much, then the poorer wine. You've kept the good wine until now."

<sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of His miracles, in Cana in Galilee. He showed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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## Hymn of the Day *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

TLH #535

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Sit* pg. 22

**Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*  
*We give Thee but Thine own,*  
*Whate'er the gift may be*  
*All that we have is Thine alone,*  
*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

**General Prayer**

Service of the Sacrament

**Preface & Proper Preface** pg. 24

**Sanctus** ☞ *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 26

**Lord's Prayer** pg. 27

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini** ☞ *Peace of the Lord* pg. 27

**Agnus Dei** ☞ *Lamb of God* pg. 28

*Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.*

**Hymns during Distribution**

☞ *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* TLH #305

☞ *O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife* TLH #624

☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray* TLH #314

*Stand after the distribution*

**Nunc Dimittis** ☞ *Song of Simeon* pg. 29

**Thanksgiving & Collect** pg. 30

**Salutation & Benedicamus** pg. 31

**Benediction** pg. 31

*Sit*

**Hymn to Depart** ☞ *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* TLH #134

**Silent Prayer**

**Ushers for today:** Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads

**Next week:** James Eads, Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

**Greeter for today:** Larry Scheer

**Next Week:** Rick Tritch

**Acolyte today:** Alton Swann

**Next Week:** Evan Scheer

**Flower and Altar Care: January:** Devin Eads

**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Homebound: Ray and LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Pastor James May and Pastor Harold Ristau (missionaries to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ghana. Luke Otten, Seminarian. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; St. Paul High School, Concordia, MO.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Maria Krull, 14<sup>th</sup>, Adam Swann, 15<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Otten, 16<sup>th</sup>, Carson Swann, 17<sup>th</sup>, Graham Kopp 19<sup>th</sup>

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**Voter's Meeting** – January 21st after church service (downstairs)

**Ladies Aid** – January 21<sup>st</sup> after church (conference room)

**No Tuesday** night Bible class or Vespers service on Wednesday. Confirmation will still be held.

**VBS Planning Meeting:** VBS 2024 will be held at Camp Trinity, May 29-31. A meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on **February 4** at the Shepherd's Hall, Camp Trinity, to begin planning for it. Your input is welcome. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to be involved and have input please email Ruth Rethemeyer at [camptrinity73@yahoo.com](mailto:camptrinity73@yahoo.com).

### **Walther League and English Country Dance**

- Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 2-7pm
- Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall (219 W. McGaughey, Worden, IL 62097)
- Youth grades 7 -12
- Fellowship, Dance, and Dinner
- Dress in comfortable shoes,
- BOYS: nice slacks and shirts
- GIRLS: dresses below the knee with shoulders covered
- All those attending will have the opportunity to dance. Gentlemen will ask the ladies, and ladies will accept. Dances will be taught by hired caller.
- Bring \$5 if staying for pizza dinner.

**RSVP** to Eliza at (618) 604 2316 or [eliza.askins@gmail.com](mailto:eliza.askins@gmail.com)

Rebekah (618) 401 6237 or [rmgcurtis@gmail.com](mailto:rmgcurtis@gmail.com)

with number attending dance and dining by **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Confirmation/Wednesday School** - All grade school age children welcome. Starting at 3:00 p.m. **Please note the sign-up sheet** in back for bringing snacks for the children. Drinks are provided.

# The Large Catechism

## *Holy Baptism*

37 Thus you see plainly that there is here no work done by us, but a treasure which He gives us, and which faith apprehends; just as the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross is not a work, but a treasure comprehended in the Word, and offered to us and received by faith. Therefore they do us violence by exclaiming against us as though we preach against faith; while we alone insist upon it as being of such necessity that without it nothing can be received nor enjoyed.

38 Thus we have these three parts which it is necessary to know concerning this Sacrament, especially that the ordinance of God is to be held in all honor, which alone would be sufficient, though it be an entirely external thing, like the commandment, Honor thy father and thy mother, which refers to bodily flesh and blood. Therein we regard not the flesh and blood, but the commandment of God in which they are comprehended, and on account of which the flesh is called father and mother; so also, though we had no more than these words, Go ye and baptize, etc., it would be necessary for us to accept and do it as the ordinance of God. 39 Now there is here not only God's commandment and injunction, but also the promise, on account of which it is still far more glorious than whatever else God has commanded and ordained, and is, in short, so full of consolation and grace that heaven and earth cannot comprehend it. 40 But it requires skill to believe this, for the treasure is not wanting, but this is wanting that men apprehend it and hold it firmly.

41 Therefore every Christian has enough in Baptism to learn and to practise all his life; for he has always enough to do to believe firmly what it promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, the grace of God, the entire Christ, and the Holy Ghost with His gifts. 42 In short, it is so transcendent that if timid nature could realize it, it might well doubt whether it could be true. 43 For consider, if there were somewhere a physician who understood the art of saving men from dying, or, even though they died, of restoring them speedily to life, so that they would thereafter live forever, how the world would pour in money like snow and rain, so that because of the throng of the rich no one could find access! But here in Baptism there is brought free to every one's door such a treasure and medicine as utterly destroys death and preserves all men alive.

*(continued next week)*