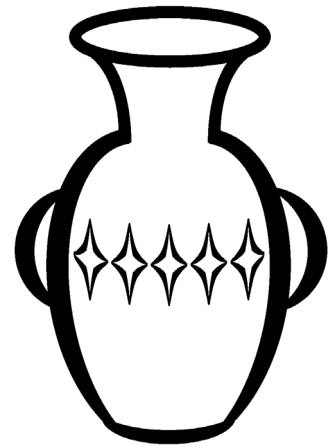


# Epiphany 2

January 19, 2025

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)

The gifts of God are given for the sake of the whole faith community. God cares for all aspects of human life. We see this through Paul's teaching that all spiritual gifts are valuable and work together for the sake of the whole church. And again, Jesus, even though he was not ready to reveal his true identity to the world, changed water into wine at a wedding saving a family from the pain of certain humiliation.



### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

#### I Will Not Keep Quiet

The Messiah will come and the prophet will not keep silent so that the whole world will know of his arrival. At that time Jerusalem will receive a new name, a new identity, and a new character. She will be like a fine jewel in the Lord's crown.

#### Psalm 128

#### Fear the Lord and Walk in His Ways

The blessings of those who fear and love God are enumerated by the psalmist in this song: God gives the fruit of one's labor, a man shall have a wife who will thrive within his house, and there will be numerous children that will flourish.

#### Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

#### Many Gifts, One Spirit

Paul explained to the Corinthians that there are many spiritual gifts present amongst the people of God, but all of them come from the same Spirit and none of them are to be held in higher esteem than another. The gifts given by God are meant to work together in the faith community for the good of all. We have no reason to covet the gifts of others, as each one of us is granted gifts to share.

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

#### Water into Wine

While Jesus and his family were in Cana for a wedding celebration, the wine ran out and his mother asked him to do something about it. At first Jesus resisted saying, "It is not my time," but then he gave in to his mother's request. As he turned ordinary water into the best wine anyone there had ever tasted, he honored the bridegroom's family and gave a sign of his power and purpose in the world.

### Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time
- Use the Apostles' Creed.
- Paul's lesson about spiritual gifts was given as a fight broke out concerning who had the greatest gifts of all. In the Roman church it was speaking in tongues that took top prize in the gift department. Paul, however, asserted that all gifts are equal and all for the work of the Lord. In other words, "This isn't a competition, folks!"
- Talk together about why Paul eventually said in 1 Corinthians 13:13 that the greatest gift is love. In what ways do you see that to be true?

### SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

#### Hymn Titles:

|                                        | LBW | WOV | LSB | ELW | REC | Sola |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| All Praise to You, O Lord              | 78  | --- | --- | --- | --- | web  |
| Songs of Thankfulness and Praise       | 90  | --- | 394 | 310 | --- | ---  |
| O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright    | 76  | --- | 395 | 308 | 129 | 129  |
| Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness     | 224 | --- | 636 | 488 | 81  | 81   |
| Built on a Rock                        | 365 | --- | 645 | 652 | 91  | 91   |
| Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies     | 265 | --- | 873 | 553 | 164 | 164  |
| Hail to the Lord's Anointed            | 87  | --- | 398 | 311 | --- | ---  |
| How Great Thou Art                     | 532 | --- | 801 | 856 | 26  | 26   |
| I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | --- | 649 | 411 | 815 | --- | ---  |
| Cup of Blessing That We Share          | 204 | --- | --- | --- | --- | ---  |

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and \*\*\* means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

### CONTEMPORARY SONGS

#### Praise Song Titles:

Come Now is the Time to Worship  
(CCLI # 2430948)  
How Great Is Our God  
(CCLI # 4348399)  
Jesus Messiah  
(CCLI # 5183443)  
All Hail King Jesus  
(CCLI # 12877)  
Our God  
(CCLI # 5677416)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.