



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

10:45 a.m. Worship



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New Wine Miracles

Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine, revealing His glory and causing His disciples to believe in Him. This new wine miracle spurred on a series of miracles to follow causing the religious leaders to become critical, but empowering disciples to be equipped for their task of carrying the torch of the Gospel to the world. Today we ask the Lord to fill us with the miracle of new wine as we are broken vessels waiting for the Holy Spirit to fill us and empower us to carry the light of the Gospel into the dark places that so desperately need Jesus.

"Our God"

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Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes, we rise;
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, Our God.

(Repeat from the beginning)

Bridge (2x): And if our God is for us,
Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us,
Then what could stand against?

What could stand against?

Chorus 2x

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by Your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

C But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. Amen.

Introit

Ps. 36:5-9; antiphon: Song 2:4

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,
and his banner over me was love.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore 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.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. When 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 and 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.” This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

**and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Anna Kruger

♪ "I Speak Jesus"

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I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,
I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'til every dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom,
I speak Jesus.

Chorus: 'Cause Your Name is power, Your Name is healing,
Your Name is life.
Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows,
Burn like a fire.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety.
To every soul held captive by depression,
I speak Jesus. (*Chorus*)

Bridge (3x): Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy.
Jesus for my family. I speak the holy Name, Jesus.

Chorus (2x)

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,
I speak Jesus.

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Preparation

P Let us pray.

**C We thank You, God, for sending a star to guide the Magi to the
Christ child. But, even more, we praise You for signs and witnesses
in every generation that lead us to Christ. We thank You for the
covenant made first with Israel—promising to be Israel's light and
salvation. You made Israel Your people and promised that through
them all the peoples of the world would be blessed. We thank You
for prophets who declared Your Word, for priests who made
sacrifices for the sins of many, and for kings and rulers who ruled
with justice, lifted up the poor and needy, and defended the people**

from their enemies. With the apostles, prophets, and martyrs; with all those through the ages who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ; and with all who strive to serve Him on earth here and now, we join our voices in offering praise to the God of loving power and powerful love. Amen.

The Words of Institution

“New Wine”

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In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.

So, I yield to You and to Your careful hand
When I trust You I don't need to understand

Make me Your vessel, Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
You are breaking new ground.

So, make me Your vessel Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Jesus bring new wine out of me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Instrumental Section

So, make me Your vessel Make me an offering
Make me whatever You want me to be
God, I came here with nothing
But all You have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Jesus bring new wine out of me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

“Gratitude”

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All my words fall short; I got nothing new.
How could I express all my gratitude?

I could sing these songs, as I often do,
But every song must end and You never do.

Chorus: So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again,
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it’s not much, but I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, “Hallelujah, hallelujah.”

I’ve got one response, I’ve got just one move:
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You. (*Chorus*)

Bridge (3x): Come on, my soul, oh, don’t you get shy on me.
Lift up your song, ‘cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

Instrumental + Chorus

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.
C Amen.

Announcements (see pg. 11)

Blessing and Dismissal

P May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts,
transform our lives, and brighten the world.
C Amen.
P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

"Praise"

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I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain.
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting.
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded,
'Cause praise is the water my enemies drown in.
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to

Chorus 1: Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.

I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't.
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control.
'Cause my praise is a weapon, it's more than a sound.
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down.
As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to

Chorus 2: Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
I won't be quiet, myGod is alive.
How could I keep it inside?
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.

Instrumental Section

Bridge (2x): I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign, praise 'cause You reign.
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful, praise 'cause You're true.
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You.

Chorus 3: Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.

I won't be quiet, myGod is alive.
How could I keep it inside?
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How could I keep it inside?
I won't be quiet, myGod is alive.
How could I keep it inside?
Praise___the Lord, oh, my soul.

General Announcements

1. Voters' Meeting

- a. **Sunday, January 26, at 2pm** in the Lounge.
- b. Hope to see you there.

2. 2024 Contribution Statements

- a. Currently available for the next 2 Sundays after the early (8am) service in the Lounge and available in the church office after late (10:45am) service.
- b. They are available in the church office during regular office hours for 9am – 2pm weekdays or after Saturday evening (5pm) service.

3. Variety Show to benefit HVAC Project

- a. **Friday, February 7 at 7pm.**
- b. No tickets required, a freewill offering will benefit the HVAC Project.
- c. Pre-show pasta dinner provided by WSJ served from 5-6:45pm (4 & under eat free, \$8 for children ages 5-12, \$12 for ages 13+). A night of fun for the whole family.

4. NYG Envelope Fundraiser

- a. Interested in helping our youth group get to this summer's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA? Check out the display of envelopes in Alcove B!
- b. Envelopes are labeled 1-150 and filled with a photo and information about one of our students attending NYG. We invite you to...
 - Take an envelope, keep the student you find inside and pray for them, return the envelope with the amount of money that corresponds to the number on the front (#1= \$1.00, #47= \$47.00, #150= \$150.00, etc., checks can be made out to St. John's with "NYG" in the memo)
- c. Experiences like the National Youth Gathering wouldn't be possible without your generosity. THANK YOU for your continued support of our students!

5. MomCo

- a. There's room for YOU at our MomCo table!
- b. MomCo is a small group for moms of young children that meets on second and fourth Sundays in Room 3 from 9:30-10:30am
- c. Join leaders Alyssa Nett and Kayla Chartier to grow in faith and friendship with moms in the same season of life

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