



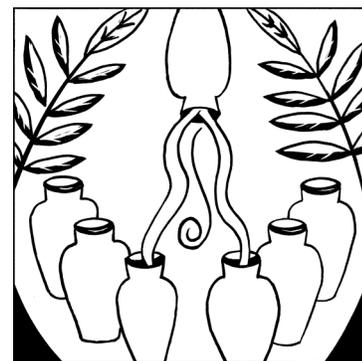
# The Weekly Word



**Readings for Sunday, January 16, 2022**  
**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

## INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.



## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION 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.  
Amen.

Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

**Amen.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

P: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



*“Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.”*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5



<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You 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. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

## PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD. <sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup>They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. <sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. <sup>10</sup>Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN: John 2:1-11



P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ!***

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## ■ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: By your Spirit we are church in many and various ways. We give you thanks for our being church through our Virginia Synod and for the work of Pastor John Wertz. We pray that our new venture with Renew 145 will empower us to be light and salt in this Community and that you will be glorified in all that we do. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day, especially (*names*). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith, especially (*names*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



## **WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE**

<b>January 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>USHERS</b>	John Race	Mary Armbrister
<b>LECTORS</b>	George Duda	Tom Kellen

# COMING UP *at Reformation...*



Please be sure to pick-up your year-end statement no later than Sunday, January 30th.

- Wednesday, Jan. 12**      **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MIKE KORB**
- Friday, Jan. 14**      **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANN HORTON**
- Saturday, Jan. 15**      **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANNY LUBERTAZZI**
- Sunday, Jan. 16**      **Guest Preacher, The Rev. John Wertz, Jr.**  
**8:30 a.m.** —In-person WORSHIP  
**10:00 a.m.** —ZOOM Service  
**11:00 a.m.** —In-person WORSHIP  
**12 noon**—*Renew 145 Committee Meeting with Rev. Wertz*  
**1:00 p.m.**— Service on the Web
- Wednesday, Jan. 19**      **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CINDY WATSON**  
**1:00 p.m.**—Bible Study  
**6:30 p.m.**—Table Talk
- Thursday, Jan. 20**      **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EMILY STOLL**



**The Rev. John Wertz, Jr.** will be our guest preacher this coming **Sunday, January 16th**. As many of you already know, Rev. Wertz serves as Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop of ELCA Virginia Synod. He will be giving the sermon at both services, as well as meeting with the *Renew 145* group at noon.



the schedule.

The Mildred McDaniel Concert Series featuring pianist Dmitri Shteinberg, originally scheduled for next Sunday, January 23rd, has been cancelled. We will keep you abreast of any future changes in

**New Parish Council Officers elected at Tuesday's Council meeting are:**  
**President, John Race;**  
**Vice-president, Mary Armbrister;**  
**and Secretary, George Duda.**



The Worship & Music Ministry retreat was last Saturday and our chosen theme for 2022 is:

***"Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness."***

"But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted."—1 Peter 2:9-10