

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Second Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 NIV The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him. 16 For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the Voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." 17 The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put My Words in His Mouth, and He will tell them everything I command Him. 19 If anyone does not listen to My Words that the Prophet speaks in My Name, I Myself will call him to account.

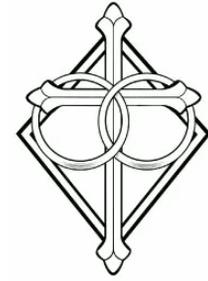
Epistle

Romans 12:6-16 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. 9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the LORD. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those . . .

who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Historic & 3 Year Gospel (Sermon)

John 2:1-11 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, why do you involve Me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then He told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11 This, the first of His miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him.



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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January 20th, 2019 ✧ Epiphany-2 ✧ Jesus' 1st Miracle

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On silver liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	250 (4v)	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps.98 '4v'</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... ↗</i>
Hymn of the Day	623 (3v)	O Perfect Love, All Human Thought ...
Offertory Verse	648 (3v)	Sing all three I Am Jesus' Little Lamb →
Distribution Hymn	306 (5v)	LORD Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared
Closing Hymn	XXX (5v)	NOT in TLH Love Is the Gracious Gift...

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Gen.17:1-22 Gen. 18:1-33 Gen. 19:1-29 Gen. 21:1-8 Gen. 24:1-28 Gen.24:29-67
 Matt.4:18-25 Matt. 5:1-9 Matt. 5:27-48 Matt.6:1-23 Matt. 7:1-14 Matt.7:24-29

PROPERs for the SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY ✧ JANUARY 20TH

INTROIT All the earth shall worship You and shall sing praises to You. They shall sing praises to Your Name. Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious. ...from Psalm 66

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever."
 C: ♪ A - - men.

GRADUAL C: Alleluia! The LORD sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. Oh, that men would praise the LORD for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. Alleluia!
 ...from Psalm 107

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of bulletin)

O.T. Deuteronomy 18:15-19 God will raise a Prophet from the Jews. Listen!
 Epi. Romans 12:6-16 Serve one another in Christian love.
 Gos. John 2:1-11 (Sermon) Jesus reveals His Glory at the Cana wedding.

Psalm 98 C: ♪ All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God.
All the ends of the earth, Have seen the power of God.

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, ___ for He has done wondrous deeds; ___ His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; ___ Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, To Is-rael. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, Salva--tion by our God; ___ Joyfully sing out all you lands, Break forth- in song. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...**

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, ___ With trumpet and with horn; ___ Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. _____

♪ **All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends of the...**

#648 1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me, Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David back working
 DuWayne&Shirley Marquardt PTL, DuWayne got good news. Shirley-hernia
 Jon & Andrea Sawyer Jon's heart, changing work. Andrea home recovering
 Steve&Ethel Wendt Drove (quickly) to Steve's Mother. She is close to Heaven

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Don & Carolyn Miner	Elaine Jones
Treaters	Don & Carolyn Miner	Potluck & OSL Annual Mtg.

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance(Communion)	32 / (-)	29 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	7	9
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1,333)	YTD \$,. (\$2.66K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, January 20 th	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: GloryOfGod
Epiphany-2 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Jesus@Cana Wedding	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Friday, 1/25	4:30-6:30	OSL -2019 Annual FISH FRY at Church!
Next Sunday 1/27	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: Gratia Grace
Epiphany-3 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Missions & Outreach	10:45 ff...	(FFF &) OSL - 2019 Annual Voters' Mtg!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892

✧ **OSL 2019 AVM - Annual Voters' Meeting January 27th ~11 am. AGENDA:**
 1. Devotion 5. Set Mtg. Time (Limit) 9. Old Business
 2. Roll Call-Attendance 6. Elections - Councilmen 10? New Business(9:30)
 3. Call for New Voters 7. Financial Reports, Budget 11. Adjourn ...with
 4. Minutes - 2018 AVM 8. Other Reports - Rev., Etc. 12. (Lord's) Prayer.

1/27 Epiphany3C (No LS p.5) 126/113 59(6)/93 509.1/65 495(4)/571 496/573

EPIPHANY.2(C) John 2:1-11 "(JESUS AT) THE WEDDING AT CANA" 01.20.19 OSL

TWO-FOLD (JOHN) It is the way of the **Apostle John** in his Gospel to write so that one can discern a **twofold meaning in his words**. On the one hand, John will narrate the true, literal words and actions of Jesus. But on the other hand, he will often do this in such a way as to **emphasize a deeper point** about Christ and His redeeming work. So, this sermon will be divided into two parts. **First**, we will focus on the **historical event** of the miracle at Cana and what it teaches us. And then, **second**, we will focus on some special aspects of this account which show us the ongoing significance of Christ's miracle and how it still continues in the church.

(DRAGNET) JUST THE FACTS Jesus and His mother and His disciples were at a **wedding feast, reception**. Such celebrations were big affairs in Israel and often lasted several days. It is quite possible that either the bride or the groom was a relative of Mary and thus also of Jesus. At a certain point during the feast, the wine ran out. At His mother's prodding, Jesus had the servants fill six large stone jars with water, each of which held 20-30 gallons. Jesus then miraculously turned all of that water into wine. When the new wine was taken to the master of the feast, he was certainly pleased but also bothered that it wasn't served first. For it was better than any of the other wines.

A.1. TRUE GOD Now what can we learn from all of this? **First** of all, we learn from this account that **Jesus is indeed True God**. Because no mere man can change one substance into an altogether different one. Jesus is truly "God in Flesh made Manifest." This miracle reveals Jesus is the **Divine Lord** of the elements of creation.

A.2. HOLY MATRIMONY **Second** of all, we learn in this Gospel of how **Christ approves of marriage and honors it**. For if He didn't uphold marriage, He wouldn't have sanctioned it here with His presence. We must constantly remind ourselves that matrimony is truly a holy thing. It was established by God Himself before sin ever entered the world. **The Lord is the One who joins together** a man and a woman and makes them husband and wife. So the marriage relationship must be **valued and held in the highest regard**. It is just as our order of marriage puts it: *"This is an honorable estate, which God Himself has instituted and blessed, and by which He gives us a picture of the very Communion of Christ and His Bride, the Church. God has both established and sanctified marriage and has promised to bless therein all who love and trust in Him and who seek to give Him their faithful worship and service, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

BUT, SIN Sadly, however, people do not always look at marriage in that light. Many do not see it as a divinely ordained thing. Rather, they dishonor marriage by considering it to be **merely a human arrangement, or a piece of paper** that is to be treated as such when their partner no longer fits into their plans for self-fulfillment. Marriage is also dishonored when husband and wife fail to show proper love and respect for one another as God commands. And marriage is dishonored when people engage in sexual relations outside of it. When that happens, they/we are taking this blessing of marriage, shoving it back in God's face and saying, *"No thanks! I'll do this my own way!"* And many people are (always) hurt badly.

2 COMMANDMENTS! However, God wants marriage to be respected and exalted among us. Consider how **He has given Two Commandments** that uphold this holy estate. In the **6th** Commandment, the Lord seeks to protect marriage from adultery and to maintain the faithful unity of husband and wife. And in the **4th**

Commandment He establishes the marital relationship as the foundation of the family and commands that the husband and wife be honored by their children. God has ordained that His creation of mankind should continue through this union. And consider, too, how **in the home and family God gives the most concrete setting for people to demonstrate Christian love for one another**. We must learn, then, from our Lord's presence at the wedding feast of Cana how He has blessed and fully approves of married life. **Those who are single** should honor God and this institution by remaining chaste. **And those who are married** should see their spouse as a gift from the Lord Himself.

A.3 ACLCOHOL OK **Third** of all, we learn from this Gospel that alcohol is not inherently sinful. Alcohol can certainly be misused for self-indulgent purposes; drunkenness is clearly a sin. There are certainly those who use alcohol in such a way that it unleashes the sinful nature. Nevertheless, all of those who would call the good gifts of God's creation evil must reckon with the fact that Jesus here produced about 150 gallons of vintage wine for the people to enjoy. **St. Paul** writes to (1st) **Timothy**: *"Everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because the word of God and prayer make it holy."*

BUT, MORE! All of this is the plain meaning of today's Gospel. And yet John clues us in that there is **still more for the church to grasp** in this account. The way the Apostle records this miracle guides us to see its continuing and eternal significance for the people of God. John calls this miracle a **"sign."** And as we all know, signs are not self-contained things. Rather, their **purpose is to point beyond themselves to something else**. Signs seek to direct your attention to a larger reality. This changing of water into wine, then, is a sign of something greater.

B! "3RD DAY" We begin to perceive what that "something greater" is in the very opening words of this passage. Those words say that this miracle occurred **"on the Third Day."** In this way the believer is told right from the start that the events at Cana are directly **connected with the death and Resurrection of Jesus**, Who rose from the grave "on the Third Day." Therefore, this sign points us to Christ's greater work of overcoming the consuming power of the grave and restoring all of creation to its original newness and abundance.

SASSING MOM (MARY)?! We see how this is so in Jesus' conversation with His mother. When the wine ran out at the wedding banquet, Mary said to Him, *"They have no wine."* And Jesus responded to her with these **unusual** words: *"What does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."* Now when Jesus refers to His "hour" in John's Gospel, it is **always a reference to His impending Crucifixion**. So the fact that the wine ran out is somehow related to the necessity of Christ's death(?). And the **relationship is this**: The reason that the things of this creation fail us and run short is because of the **destructive entry of sin into the world**. Our rebellion against God brought a curse on His handiwork, and **now the blessings of His good creation are passing and temporary**; they don't last. Cars rust, food runs out or spoils, clothes wear out and fade, good weather is replaced by bad. Indeed, even our bodies fail us, ultimately in death. The Scriptures say that the world in its present form is in bondage to decay and is passing away.

So, when the wine ran out, that drew attention to Christ's Mission of suffering and dying in order to Redeem His own fallen creation. Through this **First Miracle of our Lord**, Jesus was beginning to bring about that Redemption, which would come to **Fulfillment on Good Friday and Easter**. He was **reversing the draining force of**

sin so that there was good and plenty once again. You see, in order for the creation to be made new and restored, the **curse on it had to be removed**. And it was removed through the **Flesh of Christ sacrificed on Calvary**. Jesus took creation's curse into Himself so that by His death sin's crippling domination over us would be undone. All that brings deterioration and degeneration He has subdued and destroyed. His Holy Cross conquered and did away with the temporariness and the impermanence of this old order of things.

REAL "3RD DAY" And then our Lord performed the greatest miracle of all on the (real) **Third Day** by rising from the grave in everlasting triumph over it. The Risen Body of Christ is the beginning of the new order of things. In Him and through Him creation is renewed and revitalized. That renewal is perceived now only by faith. But we see signs of it in miracles such as this. It was prophesied of the Messiah's Kingdom in the OT that there would be an abundance of wine. **Prophet Amos** said: "*The days are coming,*" declares the Lord, "*when...new wine will drip from the mountains and flow from the hills.*" And **Isaiah** foretold a Day when **the Lord would swallow up death forever**. Of **That Day** he said this, "*The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines.*" So in this Gospel we see breaking into the old order of things the very Kingdom of God and the New Creation, revealed in all its glory on the Last Day.

H2O & WINE = BAPT. & L.S. Indeed, just as Jesus used **six stone jars** in this miracle, so also it was on the **sixth day of the week, Good Friday**, when He broke sin's curse. And just as in the beginning the **creation of man took place on the sixth day** of the week, so now man is recreated by the water and the blood that came forth from Christ's holy side at Calvary. **Do you see what the water and the wine are signs of at Cana?** They are nothing else than the **Sacraments of Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**, which flow to us from the Cross of Jesus. This Gospel tells us that the six jars were used for purification ceremonies. And don't the Scriptures say that Baptism is a washing of regeneration? Likewise, in regards to the Lord's Supper, is it not written that the Blood of Jesus *cleanses* us from all sin? Our Lord renewed the gifts of creation at Cana's wedding feast, and now He renews us through His Sacramental gifts in water and wine, so that we might be partakers of His new creation. As it is written, "*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!*"

STILL TODAY... You must learn to see and believe, then, that the **Miracle of Cana continues**; the wedding banquet goes on. The Heavenly Groom, Jesus Christ, comes in the Divine Service to you, His Bride, the Church, to celebrate your everlasting marriage with Him and to comfort you with His love. By **Water** and the **Word** He has made you His own. And in **Holy Communion** you become one with Christ in a joyous and holy and blessed union. He Who showed Himself to be Lord of the elements at Cana now shows Himself to be Lord of the elements on the Altar. He causes His Blood and Body **to be present** under the wine and the bread, and through this miracle He **recreates you** with His abounding forgiveness and His indestructible life. **THESE Elements of creation won't fail you**; for just as our Lord produced an abundance of wine for the wedding at Cana, so in this Holy Supper His goodness and mercy overflow to you. **There is more than enough**, no matter what sins you bring "to the Table." His wine-Blood cleanses you and gladdens your hearts. His grace doesn't run out; **there's always (More than) enough! J'N, Amen.**

PRAYER *Dear bride of Christ, the Lord has given you a vintage sign: at Cana, at Calvary, and on the altar-a sign of His glory, glory revealed in His love for you. Both then and now, He has saved the choice wine for last. He has given His best; and it is all for you. Come, then, in faith to His table, that you may partake in the great Wedding Feast when He returns. For it is written, "Blessed are those who are invited to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb of God!" (Revelation 19:9) Amen.*

Possible Prayer of Church ✧ **2nd Sunday of Epiphany: Marriage & Family, Jan.20**

Let us commend our prayers to our Father in Heaven, Who sent His only Begotten Son to gather us into His family. (Possible Brief silence)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** -- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to receive the Word of God with joy, for repentance from all our sins, and for the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For holiness of life and speech, for grace to live out fully the promise of our Baptism into Christ, for all needful gifts of the Spirit in our vocation as God's servants, and for the will and desire to serve the Lord with joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the renewal of the Church, for strong and faithful leaders who will inspire us to follow the Lord's bidding, and for faithful pastors and church workers who honor their special vocations with diligence for God's kingdom and love for His people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and those who protect us in this place; for our own good citizenship; for the promotion of virtue in our land; and for an end to a culture of indifference to the sacredness of life and our failure to protect the unborn, the aged and the frail, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the family, for the homes in which our people dwell, for faithful husbands and wives, for the children in our care, for the grieving in their loss, for all women with child, for those who have suffered miscarriage, and for those unable to conceive, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those afflicted in mind or body, for the aged and infirm, for the widow and orphan, for the imprisoned and persecuted because of the faith, [for all those for whom our prayers have been requested: **OSL Prayer List** and for those named in our hearts,] that they may know the comfort and healing of God's grace to sustain them to the day of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to receive the good wine of Christ's blood and the good bread of His body, for the Spirit to prepare us for this Holy Communion, for an end to all divisions, for unity of doctrine, and for the will and desire to love God above all and to love our neighbors as Christ has loved us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have departed this life in faith and now rest in God's nearer presence, let us give thanks; for our struggle in faith in this mortal life, that they may neither grow weary nor despair of the hope God has placed in us; and for the blessed reunion in the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord's Supper, p.24**