## Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - All Visitor's and members, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the



book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran



Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

## About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; TODAY .....

Sunday School and Bible Class Following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

No Bible Class MONDAY.... No Bible Class TUESDAY . . . .

WEDNESDAY . . Confirmation Classes 3:00 PM

SUNDAY ..... Communion Worship Service/Installation of Officers 9:00 AM;

Sunday School and Voters' Meeting Following

Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM



The Business Office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 2,747.39 (1-12)

Together in Worship: 48 (1-12)

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!



Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box or in the pew.

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 17.00



Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told". **LUTHERAN** Presented by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. Like an HOUR MINISTRIES overture that introduces a great musical work, John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation. (John 3:26-36)



About the Cover: In instituting marriage, the Lord created a picture of the kind of love that He has for His people. Christ's love and commitment to His Bride, the Church, led all the way to Him giving Himself for her upon the cross to make her pure, blameless, and holy. He rejoices over us, His Bride, and continues to share His eternal life with us.

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program "This Is the Life". Tune in at 10:00 AM on KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or Midco - Channel 608.





Next Sunday: All 2025 Officers will be installed. You are a steward of the good gifts God has chosen to give you. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



average, a child smiles about four hundred times each day. Smiling - and a happy heart - are known to bring health benefits such as decreased stress hormones in your bloodstream and lower blood pressure. Smile often and enjoy the many benefits! "A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed." Proverbs 15:13 Lutheran Family Service

www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Stewardship Thought: John 2:3 – "When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine." Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: "They have no wine." She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord's response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!



In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family

returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

## Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm
- † Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Diann Miiller / Carla Morast for strength and healing.
- † Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney who reside in a care center.
- † Pastors of our LCMS ND District
- † Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
- † International Missions of the District
- † Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers
- † The North Dakota LCMS District Convention

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347

