

she is truly the mother of God and yet has remained a virgin.

He did all His miracles by the power of this personal union. He showed His divine majesty, according to His pleasure, when and as He willed. He did this not just after His resurrection and ascension, but also in His state of humiliation. For example:

- (a) At the wedding at Cana of Galilee [John 2:1-11]
- (b) When He was twelve years old, among the learned [Luke 2:42-50]
- (c) In the garden, when with a word He cast His enemies to the ground [John 18:6]
- (d) In death, when He died not simply as any other man, but in and with His death conquered sin, death, devil, hell, and eternal damnation [Colossians 2:13-15]

The human nature alone would not have been able to do these miracles if it had not been personally united and had communion with the divine nature.

paragraphs 24-25

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

##### The Week Ahead

17 Jan	3.15pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Jr.)
18 Jan	10am	Pastor: Assembly at Orchard Lea Junior School
	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
19 Jan	7.45pm	Bible Study (Parsonage)
22 Jan	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	5pm	Pastor at Oxford Lutheran Mission

##### Further ahead

24 Jan	3.15pm	Drama Club (Orchard Lea Jr.)
25 Jan	1pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion at Merry Hall
28 Jan	10am	ELCE Worship Conference at St. Paul's, Borehamwood
29 Jan	10.30am	Morning service (Scout Hall)

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

**2 Kings 5:1-5a; Romas 1:8-17; Matthew 8:1-13**

#### Daily Readings:

Sun	Ezekiel 37:15-28 Romans 6:1-23 <i>Large Catechism III: 49-58</i>
Mon	Ezek 38:1-23 Rom 7:1-20 <i>LC III: 59-70</i>
Tue	Ezek 39:1-10, 17-29 Rom 7:21-8:17 <i>LC III: 71-84</i>
Wed	Ezek 40:1-4; 43:1-12 Rom 8:18-39 <i>LC III: 85-98</i>
Thu	Ezek 44:1-16, 23-29 Rom 9:1-18 <i>LC III: 99-111</i>
Fri	Ezek 47:1-14, 21-23 Rom 9:19-33 <i>LC III: 112-124</i>
Sat	Joel 1:1-20 Rom 10:1-21 <i>LC IV: 1-16</i>

# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

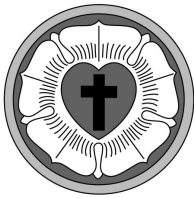
Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
15 January 2012



**My presence will go with you, and I will  
give you rest**

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### A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

#### The Offering

This morning, members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. For God loves a cheerful giver. Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.

#### Holy Communion

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice*; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

**Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

#### A note on the service:

*Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.*

*The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the hymnal, where Psalm 1 is also page one, and the first hymn is 331, following page 330.*

*It helps to follow the service if you use this service bulletin as a bookmark.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

191 *The Nicene Creed*

402 *Hymn: The Only Son from Heaven*

Sermon

192 *The Offertory*

193 *Prayer of the Church*

Offering

408 *Hymn: Come, Join in Cana's Feast*

194 *The Service of the Sacrament*

199 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

202 *Blessing*

821 *Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Sunday School Presentation

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

##### Members

Ron Miller

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Lucy, Diana, Eliza; Frank Knibbs; Helen Kriewaldt; Eric Hinkley; Johann Wiebusch; Claire; Margaret & Patrick Tustin; Brian, Jan & family; Lisa; Julie; Corrine & family; Cynthia; Marie & family; Diane; Jean; Sally; Claire and Phil; Gina & family; Molly; Julie Gardner; Christine; Georgie and Nigel; Geoff & family; family of †Jean

##### ELCE

Christ Lutheran Church; Prs. Ehlers & Kriger; Rev. Dr. Jonathan Mumme (Westfield House); Jean Leed; Boor family; Van Fossan family; Debbie Edge and family

##### The Church of God

SS. Peter & Paul, Fareham; Pr. Yousef Nadarkhani

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

##### THE FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION

##### ARTICLE VIII: THE PERSON OF CHRIST

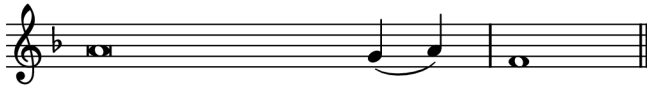
On account of this personal union and communion of the natures, Mary, the most blessed Virgin, did not bear a mere man. But, as the angel <Gabriel> testifies, she bore a man who is truly the Son of the most high God [Luke 1:35]. He showed His divine majesty even in His mother's womb, because He was born of a virgin, without violating her virginity. Therefore,



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -



ia. Al - le - lu - - ia.



Praise him all his an - gels;\*



praise him all his hosts.



Al - le - lu - - ia. Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Reading—John 2:1–11

**L** The holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with 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 there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> 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 <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

915 Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

184 Confession and Absolution

### Catechism

**P** The Creed: the First Article

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Introit (Ps. 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:4; 92:1)



**P** All the earth worships you and sings praise - | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

**C** It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**P** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*  
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

“Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!  
\* ”

So great is your power that your enemies  
come cringing | to you.

**P** All the earth worships you and sings praise - | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.”

**C** Come and see what | God has done: \*  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil - | dren of man.

**P** Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be - | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

**P** All the earth worships you and sings praise- | es  
to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.

**C** It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most  
High.

186 *Kyrie*

187 *Gloria in excelsis*

189 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

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.

### The Readings

#### *Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory*

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “*the mountains shall drip sweet wine*” (Amos 9:11-15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1-11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “back” of God (Ex. 33:12-23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22-32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “*love one another with brotherly affection . . .*” and to “*outdo one another in showing honour*” (Rom 12:6-16).

#### Old Testament reading—Exodus 33:12–23

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.’ <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, if I have found favour in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup> And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?” <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing

that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup> Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup> And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

#### Gradual (Ps. 107:20–21)

**C** He sent out his word and | healed them,\*  
and delivered them from their  
de- | struction.

Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast  
love,\*

for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren  
of men.

#### Epistle Reading—Ephesians 5:22–33

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.