

Second Sunday after Epiphany
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
January 19, 2025

We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.

Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son. We journey with joy knowing we are your own.

All: Amen. Let it be so.

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. **We pass the plate to receive your gifts.** Use the cards provided if you give online. A collection box is also available at the back of the sanctuary. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)*

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (vs. 1,5,6)* **#634**

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Merciful God,

All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In \pm Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*All: 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.*

WORD

*** GOSPEL**

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ 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 ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

* HYMN OF THE DAY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #631

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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 into hell. 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

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy ...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

DISTRIBUTION

(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction: The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Have No Fear, Little Flock #764

Lord of All Hopefulness #765

* BLESSING

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am
Sunday School at Peace 9:00 am
Sunday School at Nelsonville 9:30 am
Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

Livestream every Sunday at 10:15 am at trchurch.org, *click on Live Stream*

THURSDAYS

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm

Thursday Services are online at trchurch.org, *click on Candlelight Services*

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!

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