

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Epiphany 2

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When we speak of Jesus' state of humiliation, we define it as the time period during which He didn't always make full use of His divine glory, knowledge and power. Yet, as the true God, He still had it.

During the Lenten Season, we focus especially on Jesus' Passion History, when He doesn't always appear to be the all-powerful God. While this truth may also apply during the Epiphany Season, on this day we hear how Jesus demonstrated His divine power as true God.

The miracle revealed in John's gospel serves as Jesus' first recorded miracle during His state of humiliation and as He began His public ministry. The truth remains that Jesus is the all-powerful true God, despite what others may see, think or witness at certain times. As the true God-man, nothing is impossible for Him, especially when it comes to doing everything necessary for our salvation.

In fact, through His prophet Isaiah, the LORD revealed the miracle of how Jesus made us righteousness, that is, "right" with God. This righteousness is not something we earn by what we do. Rather, this righteousness is that which God gives us by grace through faith in Jesus. Isaiah reminds us to let that righteousness shine in our witness of Jesus in deed and word.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60 with communion.

Hymns: 172 (1-3), 166, 313 (3-4), 172 (4)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5. Sin brings destruction and desolation to God's people. When Jesus, the LORD of all, shines with His saving love, doom and gloom are changed to joy and gladness.

Psalms of the Day: Psalm 133-134. The joy over our salvation unites us in praise to the LORD. (*Supplement*)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to each believer. All enjoy the spiritual gift of faith in our Epiphany Lord, but each one is also given a different set of spiritual gifts to serve to our Savior's glory and for the good of each other.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant, in whom I will display my glory." Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 cf. EHV)

Gospel: John 2:1-11. At the wedding in Cana, Jesus changed water into wine and revealed through this miracle His glory as Lord of all.

Sermon: John 2:1-11

Theme - "Jesus Reveals His Glory"

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Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: In this prophecy of Isaiah, what is "Zion?" (See 1 Peter 2:4-6).
- Old Testament: The LORD refers to His Church by the names of Hephzibah and Beulah. What do these terms mean? (See the footnotes in the Bible or look them up in a Bible dictionary)
- Epistle: Faith is described as what of the Holy Spirit?
- Epistle: In verses 4-6, where is the specific reference to the Trinity?
- Epistle: What's the purpose of the Holy Spirit gifting members of God's church according to verse 7?
- Gospel: What was the point of Jesus' question to His mother, "Dear woman, why do you involve Me?" (v.4)
- Gospel: What evidence do we witness to legitimize Jesus' miracle?
- Gospel: According to John's comment in verse 11, what two results occurred from Jesus' performing these two miracles?

Announcements:

+ Sunday school 8-8:40 a.m.

+ Bible class 8-8:30 a.m. We will be studying the book of Psalms.

+ Confirmation class – Friday from 3-5 p.m.

Holy Communion - We celebrate the Lord's Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible's teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not "good enough" for us. God's Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

Isaiah 62:1-5 – For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch. Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you. Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. You will never again be called Abandoned, and your land will never again be called Desolation, for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married, because the LORD delights in you, and

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your land will be married. For just as a young man marries a virgin, your

sons will marry you, and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you. (EHV™)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires. (EHV™)

John 2:1-11 – Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (EHV™)