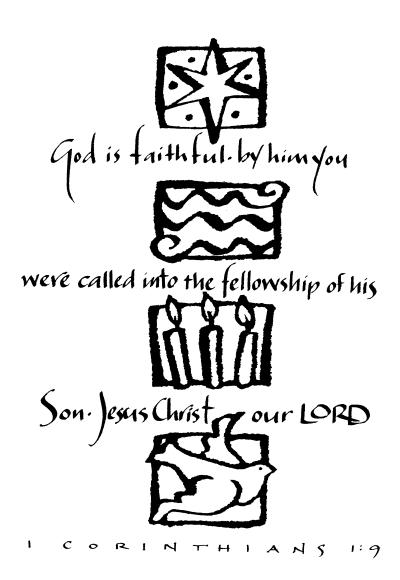
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Second Sunday After Epiphany



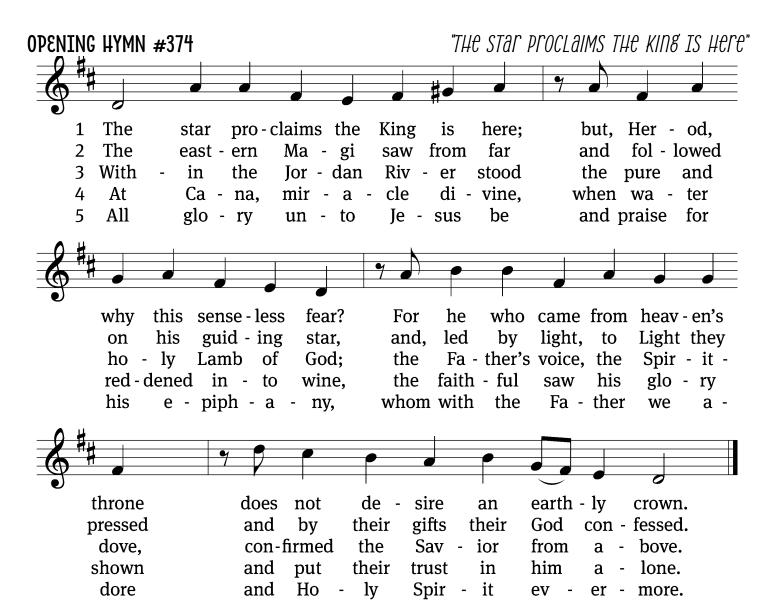
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Please stand.

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

CW 154

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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LOPD. Have Mercy

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: 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.



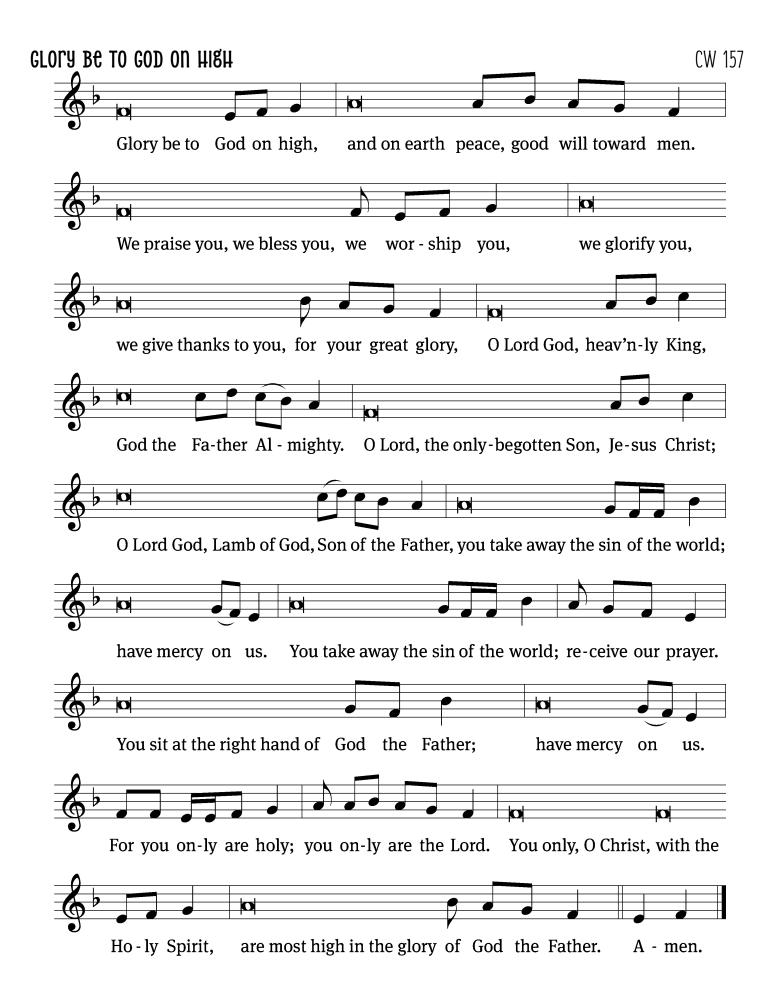
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





prayer of the day

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING 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.

² 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

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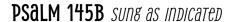
³ Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.

⁴ 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 your land will be married.

⁵ 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)

M: The Word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

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C: I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.



M: Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;

C: his greatness no one can / fathom.

M: One generation commends your works to an-/other;

C: they tell of your / mighty acts.'

M: The LORD upholds / all who fall

C: and lifts up all who are / bowed down. Refrain

M: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

M: The LORD is near to all who / call on him,

C: to all who call on / him in truth.

M: He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;

C: he hears their cry and / saves them.

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. Refrain

Second reading *EPHesians 3:14-21*

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.







M: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C: Refrain

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HOLY GOSPEL ST. JOHN 2:1-11

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

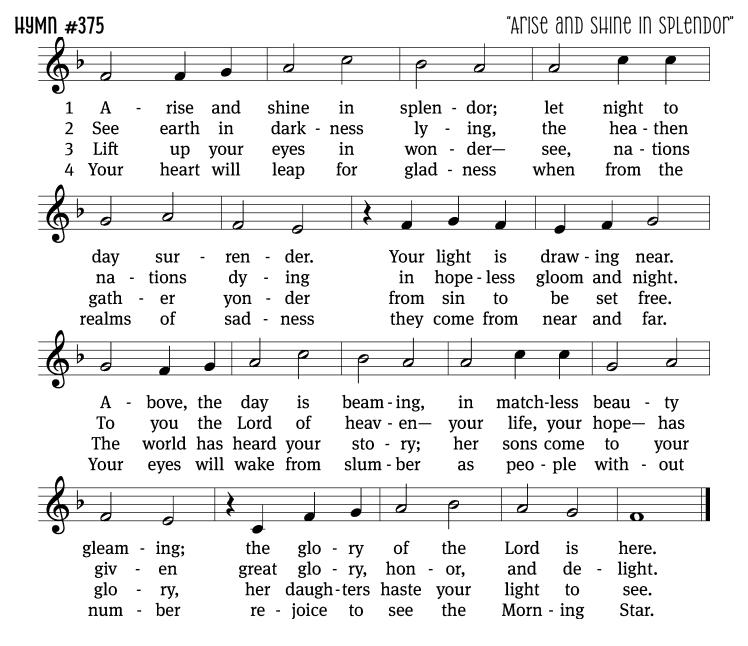
They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



sermon text

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

sermon

"Grasp the Love of Christ"

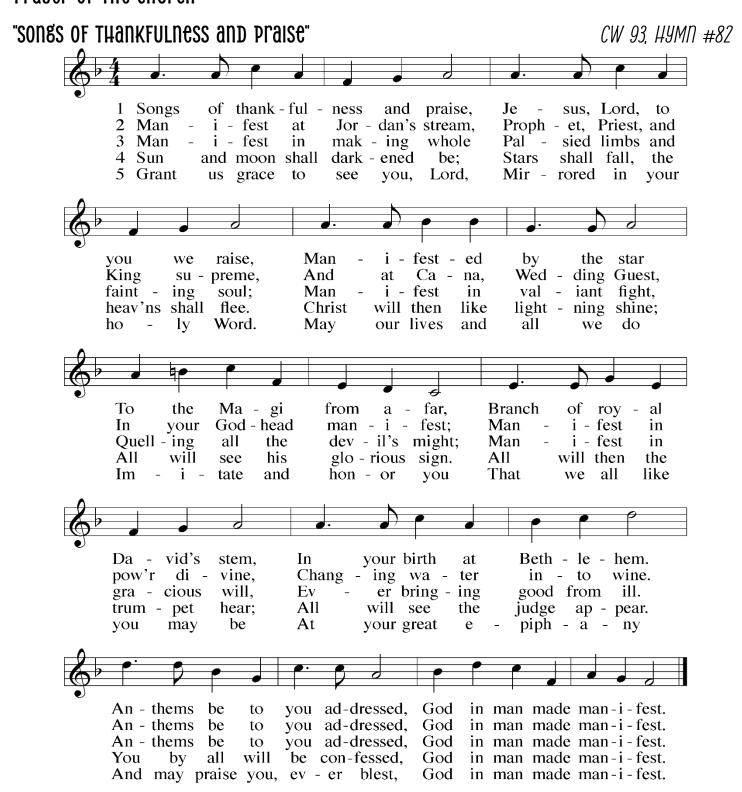
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APOSTLES' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

prayer of the church



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FREEWILL OFFERING The offering plate is located by the back entrance.

You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

closing prayer

M: Lord of light, by the light of Christ we have seen your glory, and we have confidence in your mercy. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may be lights that reflect Jesus to all people. Fill us with the joy of your presence, just as you brought gladness to a wedding at Cana of Galilee. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

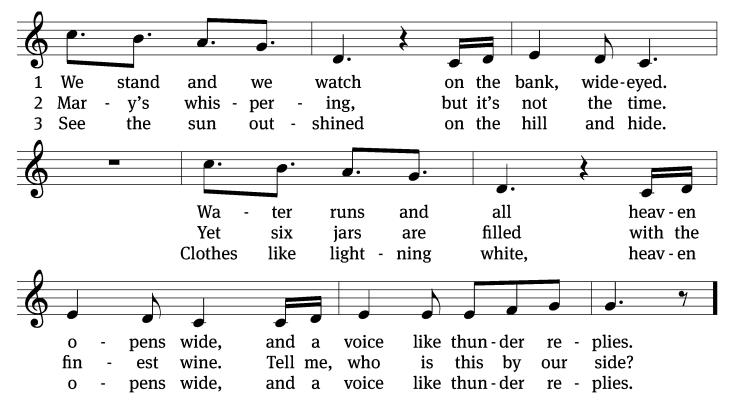
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #385 "CHRIST BEGINS"

This hymn recalls Jesus' baptism, the miracle at Cana, and his transfiguration.



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WITNESSING WORKSHOP: The Bible encourages us to be prepared to give an answer to those who don't know Jesus. But how do you talk to people who feel "church-hurt" and don't show much interest? We'll talk about how you already know what to say to others; and we'll look at a simple wisdom tool to help you talk with the non-Christians that God puts in your life. Join us Saturday, Feb. 8 for a workshop at Immanuel from 9:00 to noon. Childcare is available, and lunch is provided. Sign up in back.

ALTAR GUILD The 2025 Altar Guild schedule has been put into the church mailboxes of all the volunteers. Thank you!

PARKING LOT LIGHT UPDATE: Our Property Board members disconnected a light pole ballast that was damaged by water, which affected other lights. Many bulbs are burned out. The Board wants to replace them with LED bulbs once the weather permits. We thank them for this volunteer work.

GREETERS		East Doors	North Doors
1-19	8:00	Volunteer	Volunteer
	10:30	Pam W.	Jim & Jamie T.
1-26	8:00	Howard & Nancy W.	Volunteer
	10:30	Deana H.	Brad & Sarah S.

JANUARY USHERS

8:00 Bob H., Howard W. 10:30 Matt M., Don B.

ACCOMPANIST: Connie Krueger

Sunday Worship, 8:00AM & 10:30AM CALENDAR

Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM

Confirmation, 6:30PM

Monday - Tuesday Pastor-Teacher-Delegate Conference, Columbus

Wednesday Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM **Thursday**

Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM

Evangelism Board, 11:45 AM

Confirmation, 6:30PM

BIBLE STUDY Sunday Today's Readings Adult Bible Study 9:15AM

Joshua Wednesday Adult Bible Study 10:00AM Worship Thursday Zoom Bible Study 7:00PM

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

There are visitor welcome packets available in the narthex.

There are children's books, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

Silence is golden. Please silence cell phones before worship.

Bulletin Board: If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.