



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EIPHANY

January 17, 2010

Alleluia! He said to Me, "You are My servant in whom I will display My splendor." Alleluia!

Jesus did the first of His signs in Cana. John 2:11

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.
Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: Focus my attention on You, Jesus, that I may worship You in thought, word, and deed in glad response for all Your precious gifts, especially the gift of salvation. Amen.

HYMNS: 566 601 311 82 Vs. 2, 5

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service II as projected on the wall-hard copies are available from an usher.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Page 1159)

Sin brings destruction and desolation to God's people. When Jesus, the Lord of all, shines with His saving love, doom and gloom is changed to joy and gladness.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 133-134 (Page 115)

The joy over our salvation unites us in praise to the Lord.

Reaffirming Marriage Which Jesus Blessed in our Gospel This Morning (and other Biblical Matters)

The *Manhattan Declaration: A Call of Christian Conscience* is a manifesto issued by evangelical, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian leaders to affirm support for the pro-life movement, traditional marriage (vs., for example, same-sex marriage), and one's right of freedom of religion (in particular, condoning civil disobedience against laws contradicting those understandings of life and marriage). It was drafted on October 20, 2009 and released November 20, 2009, having been signed by more than 150 American religious leaders.

The drafting committee includes evangelical leader Charles Colson, Princeton University professor Robert P. George, and Beeson Divinity School dean Timothy George. Notable signatories include New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan, along with Family Research Council president Tony Perkins, Focus on the Family founder James Dobson, president of Southern Seminary Al Mohler, president of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals Ligon Duncan, National Association of Evangelicals president Leith Anderson, and Orthodox Church in America primate Jonah (Paffhausen). We of WELS will take some exception to the declaration on the grounds of its ecumenism. R.C. Sproul didn't sign the Declaration because in his view it "confuses common grace and special grace by combining them." But overall, it is a very important document of basic Christian virtues and morality.

The Declaration's conclusion makes the following statement: *"Because we honor justice and the common good, we will not comply with any edict that purports to compel our institutions to participate in abortions, embryo-destructive research, assisted suicide and euthanasia, or any other anti-life act; nor will we bend to any rule purporting to force us to bless immoral sexual partnerships, treat them as marriages or the equivalent, or refrain from proclaiming the truth, as we know it, about morality and immorality and marriage and the family. We will fully and ungrudgingly render to Caesar what is Caesar's. But under no circumstances will we render to Caesar what is God's."*

The Declaration's website encourages supporters to sign the declaration, and counts more than 354,500 signatories as of January 12, 2010. You are welcome to google the website for the full document or check out other sites for further information. Above all, prayerfully consider Jesus' call to you to stand as a Christian. Christian persecution such as in the days of the Roman rule may not be far away. It already is occurring in some quarters of America. That's why the Manhattan Declaration was deemed necessary.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:1-11 (Page 1785)

This is the first of a series of readings from the later chapters of I Corinthians. The 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.

Gospel: At the wedding in Cana, Jesus brought joy to the wedding couple who ran out of wine for their guests. He changed water into wine and revealed His glory as Lord of all.

SERMON: *John 2:1-11 (Page 1648)*

"Simple" Miracle. . . Complex Issues:

- ✘ Why Do Bad Things Happen In Good Christian Homes?!
- ✘ How Could Mary Seem So Forceful With Jesus?!
- ✘ Why So Much Wine!?
- ✘ Why "This" Miracle!?

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"Gifted By The Spirit For The One Thing Needful"

Today's Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson and G. Schimenz

Today **10:00 Worship** - Ushers: G & C Schimenz
7:00 Church Council

Tues. 12:00 Noon Lutheran Home Annual Meeting

Wed. 10:00 Pastors' Circuit Meeting—Cross of Christ

Thurs.-Sat 3:30 Rev. Kelm here from Parish Assistance

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class (Revelation!)
7:00 Council and Elders meet with Rev. Kelm

Sat. 8:15 Council and Elders meet with Rev. Kelm

Next Sun. - **6:30am Time of Grace**, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Adult Sunday School

8:55 Adult Bible Class

10:00 Worship - Ushers: V. Lorenzen, R. Wyman

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 62

Sunday School Attendance: 7; Adult Bible Class: 10;

Adult Sunday School: 3

Offering: \$1515.00 ; Gift: \$2038.00

One final **THANKS to those who helped** take decorations down last Sunday following the Service! The chapel was as beautiful as ever with all the things that were done for Christmas. Our appreciation is expressed to all those involved!

Reports for the Annual Meeting were due today. If you are responsible for a report and do not have it ready, please let Pastor or Jan know when they can expect it later today or tomorrow. Thank you!

Members – please look for the Annual Report in your boxes and digest all the information before the **Annual Meeting two weeks from today** (January 31) following our Worship.

Lutheran Homes Annual Meeting is this Tuesday in Belle Plaine, beginning with luncheon at noon. Let our office know if you are interested in carpooling.

Pastor Paul Kelm, our Parish Assistance lead contact these past months, will be with our church leaders this coming Thursday through Saturday. Pray for blessing upon his work with us and our efforts in the months to come!

Got an idea for church front landscaping? Duke Carstensen and Jerry Steinbach are planning to rework the front of our church this spring. If you have an idea and/or a willing hand to assist, let them know!

West Lutheran High School will be hosting their first annual fastpitch softball clinic. Girls in grades 4-8 are invited for two evenings, March 14th and March 21st from 6-8PM. Each player will receive a t-shirt & a softball as well as have the opportunity to practice hitting, fielding, pitching, & catching skills along with learning new skills in a Christian environment. Please send in your registration by February 8th to secure a spot and guarantee a T-shirt. Contact Anne Schroeder at

763-509-9378 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Does your heart go out to the Haitians?! Know that our WELS Committee On Relief will be involved! If you would like to contribute dollars, we strongly recommend you mail donations to them at WELS Administration Building, 2929 N. Mayfair Road, Milwaukee, WI 53222. Check them out on the internet at www.wels.net/relief

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia .. have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 89 or 98. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license! Wanna keep your driver's license at reduced rates?!

Are you 55+?! If so, you will save 10% (by law) on your car insurance by taking the driver improvement class that will be offered at Brooklyn Lutheran February 2 & 9 (6-10pm, Tuesdays), through St. Cloud University. There will be no final exam or behind the wheel test. The cost is only \$24. Those BLC members and friends who have already taken the course can attend the three year mandatory refresher at BLC on Thursday, February 25th, for \$20. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294. There will be publicity put out in our community. Pray that this can be a conduit in helping us reach out to neighbors with “insurance” for eternity in Christ. There is a class size limit of about 30. Seven were signed up as of Friday morning.

The flowers on the altar were given in loving memory of Ray Schaper by Elaine Schaper. We thank her for beautifying our Service with flowers.



**Brooklyn Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

Our Mission:

*We exist to use the
Gospel of Christ to win
the lost and to nurture
believers, all to the
glory of God.*



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