

**THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**  
**The Wine Sign - A Wedding at Cana**  
**April 14, 2024**  
**8:00 am**

Jesus Changes  
Water Into  
Wine



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is John 2:1-11. While a guest at a wedding in Cana, Jesus' mother asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. It is the first sign that Jesus did to point to who He is as the Son of God. Those who witness this miracle marvel at what He has done.

### **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **OPENING HYMN: LSB 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;  
And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.
  
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.

For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

- 3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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## **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**People: He made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

**People: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned

against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**INTROIT:** Psalm 128 Antiphon vs 3

Pastor: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,

**People: who walk in obedience to him.**

Pastor: You will eat the fruit of your labor;

**People: blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

Pastor: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

**People: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

Pastor: Yes, this will be the blessing

**People: for the man who fears the Lord.**

Pastor: May the Lord bless you from Zion;

**People: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**

Pastor: May you live to see your children's children—

**People: peace be on Israel.**

**Pastor:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

Pastor: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

**People: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** This is the Feast

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray together.

**All:** Heavenly Father, through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be one with You, Your one and only Son. Continue to reveal Yourself to us through the Word and earthly means of water, bread, and wine, imparting the forgiveness Christ earned for us. In His name we pray. Amen.

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

**Children's Bible Reading:** Page 258

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

**People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel:** John 2:1-11

**People (Sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and 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 and 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." What 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.

Reader: This Is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN:** LSB 408 Come Join in Cana's Feast

- 1 Come, join in Cana's feast  
Where Christ is honored guest.  
He welcomes all who come to taste  
The wine His hands have blessed.
- 2 The old wine now is gone  
From jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy  
The yearning, thirsting heart.
- 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again  
With grace and truth divine.
- 4 Come, friends, and share the feast;  
Here drink the wine supplied  
By Him who is both guest and host—  
For us, the crucified.
- 5 For now He lives and reigns  
Through all eternity  
With Father, Spirit, Three in One,  
The glorious Trinity.

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## **THE SERMON**



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

## **OFFERING | TREASURE BOX**

**OFFERING HYMN: LSB 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,  
Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;

For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as Your truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me  
Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield  
And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield  
New blessings on my way.

- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned  
With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith  
The highest heav'nly good.
- 3 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son  
In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart  
And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support  
In sorrow's gloomy hour.
- 4 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host  
Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised,  
In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Ghost.

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## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,  
strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**