The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was "the first of his signs" by which He "manifested his glory" (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming "hour," when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride" (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that "Jesus is Lord," and they return thanks to Him "in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3-year-olds through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly at 9:15am.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall as we begin an indepth study of the book of Ruth. This short Old Testament book is not just a love story, but rather a significant story that points us from the time of the Judges to King David, and ultimately to Jesus.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 7am. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Wednesdays at 7pm.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is studying Psalm 46.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm and will be studying Isaiah. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Library. Please note that this is the same Bible Study that is offered on Tuesday mornings at 7am.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying "The Gospel-Centered Life".

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 9:30am and will continue taking a longer look at the readings for the upcoming weekend.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through a study of Nehemiah.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our first quarter Special Missions offering will support the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF). Through your generous gifts, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF is in more than 90 countries and has publications in 145 different languages so that pastors, teachers, missionaries, and more are able to get the Good News into the hands of people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: Second quarter Sunday school offerings will be going to Wild About Kenya - Gospel Adventures through Lutheran World Relief. Offerings will support Happyland, a digital resource available to students that keeps children engaged with the Gospel message!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: As part of a community service project preschool students will be collecting new teddy bears to donate to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Throughout the month of January, you are invited to place your donations of new teddy bears in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

CHURCH INFORMATION

ALTAR GUILD: The altar guild is seeking new members to help prepare and take care of our Lord's altar. This very important work would be great for individuals, couples, or even families. We are also seeking an individual to oversee/lead the Altar Guild. If you have any questions or interest please talk to Janet Steinhaus or Pastor DeArmond.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Beginning in the New Year we are looking to establish a group of men that would assist pastor and the elders in the distribution of Communion during our worship services. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity please contact Pastor DeArmond. Training will be provided.

USHERS: We are currently in need of ushers for all services, but especially Sundays, to help fill out some of the ushering teams. This opportunity to serve is open to all men and women in the congregation. If you have any questions or are willing to serve please contact Jack Welter or Pastor DeArmond.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking compassionate individuals who are caring and loving to teach our children. We have both part- and full-time positions available. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER: Join us on Friday, January 24th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for a fun night with your stuffed animal. Come to church in your pajamas and bring along a stuffed animal. We will do a fun project, eat a snack, and then say goodnight to our stuffies! Stuffies will have a sleepover at church and can be picked up Sunday, January 26th during Sunday School. We will see what shenanigans our stuffies can get into! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

CULVER'S FUNDRAISER: We've got dinner covered for you on Monday, January 27th! Stop by Culver's on National Ave from 4-7pm and your purchases will benefit those who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer! You may even see some celebrity waiters!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, January 27th. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL CANNERS: Did you can some delicious foods over the summer when your garden was bountiful? The youth who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering are looking for donations of your homemade canned foods to assemble baskets for our Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner in March (more details on this coming soon!) If you would be willing to donate one of your goodies, please see Jaime Greene.

SOUPER BOWL: The big game is just weeks away, and we'd love to know who you think will win! You can vote by placing cans of soup on the table in the Fellowship Hall by selecting either the AFC, the NFC, or just hoping both teams have fun. Once we know which two teams will be playing in the big game, we'll update the pictures.

WINDOW PROJECT: A building improvement project is coming this spring! We will be replacing 16 single-pane windows with double pane windows in various areas of the church building thus significantly improving the insulating value of the windows. A significant discount was available if the proposal was accepted in a short time frame, therefore the Council voted to move forward with the project. We plan to use existing cash reserves for the project. More detailed information regarding the project can be found in the Council minutes and on the Bulletin Board.

THANK YOU: Women's Ministry gives thanks to God for all your support this fall at their various fundraisers! Because of this, they raised nearly \$6,000 and have already been able to fulfill 10 grants to various ministries. Please see the flyer in your mailboxes regarding the ministries and upcoming events this spring.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Lorna Duane Ron Marvene

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Ellie Jason Shane Pastor Alex Gabe Amy Logan Mark Sam Sharlot Danielle Steve

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Kathy Rettig, in celebration of son Grant's wedding. **Special Missions are sponsored by**

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 17th-26th

SAT	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal	THURS	5 9:30am Bible Study
SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion		6:30pm Worship and Communion
	9:15am Education	FRI	6:00pm Teddy Bear Sleepover
	10:30am Worship and Communion	SAT	8:30am Men's Bible Study
TUES	7:00am Bible Study		9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study		10:00am CPR Training
	6:30pm Council Meeting	SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion
WED	9:00am Quilters		9:15am Education Hour
	6:30pm Confirmation Retreat Meeting		10:30am Worship and Communion
	7:00pm Bible Study		5:00pm Youth Gathering Meeting
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		6:00pm Youth Group
	7:00pm Confirmation		

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Attendance: 202 **Offerings:** \$18,651 **Needed Weekly:** \$12,535.15

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