

**Epiphany 2 (January 19th, 2025)
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Opening Hymn: 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin..

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.

They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

**For with you is the foun- | tain of life;*
in your light do | we see light.**

**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.**

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully
hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1–5

- ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- ²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants,

“Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 402 The Only Son from Heaven

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** To the Lord, who manifested His glory in the sign at Cana and restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood, that He would give us joy and gladness in the revelation of His truth and the abundance of His grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Holy Church, brought together at the Lord's banquet, both now in the Word and Sacraments and in the eternal wedding feast to come, that the banner of Christ's steadfast love would rest over the doors of every congregation, that the preaching of His righteousness would be constant, and that patient love may mark our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all married couples and their families, that Christ, who blessed the wedding at Cana with His presence and honored it with His first miracle, would be present in our homes and lives with His free and abundant forgiveness to preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our nation, that our heavenly Father would bless every effort to maintain peace and promote justice, watch over and guide all military personnel, thwart every effort to destroy life unnecessarily, and permit righteousness and goodness to flourish in our land, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those in need, including:
- Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
 - Lynn and Lori Matthews
 - Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling
Cheryl Caffee
Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)
Jim Thieme
Glen Deatrick for healing from a fall
Keith and Suzy Scherer
Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)
Phil Liechty (Father of Megan Buuck) as he recovers from surgical complications
Janell Harper for strength and healing
Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)
Braden Morris (Future Step-Son of Louie Fuelling)

that as Jesus showed divine compassion even for a groom who ran out of wine, the Holy Spirit would grant us compassionate hearts to notice the needs of others, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For worthy reception of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, that as Christ manifested Himself by the sign at Cana, changing water into wine, so He would also manifest Himself to us here, making bread and wine His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We implore You, send Your blessing on every husband and wife. Do not let them provoke one another to anger and strife, but let them live peaceably together in love and godliness. Strengthen them with Your gracious help in all temptations, and help them to rear their children in accordance with Your will. Grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Nathan Kieser

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: January 12th- Home Purpose: \$ 4,260.00, Vanco: \$673.89, SPI: \$200.00

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

We cannot **THANK** all of you enough for the love, support, and care you have given us through the amazing fundraiser, donations, cards, comments, and hugs! A special thank you to those volunteers at the fundraiser for the countless hours of preparation and work you did to make the day successful! We are truly blessed by your generosity and love!

The Franz Family

2025 Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope boxes have been distributed. If you do not receive one but would like one, please let Josh Franz or Pastor know. Thanks!

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available in the Narthex.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for January - “Breakfast: During the month of January we will be collecting “Breakfast items” for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: Hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast/granola bars, juice, syrup, muffin/pancake mix, jelly/jam. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

The February Newsletter Deadline: will be Tuesday January 21st. Thank You!

Voter’s Assembly Annual Reports: Please turn in any reports by **Friday January 24th**. Reports can either be dropped off in my mail slot on the deacon’s desk, dropped off on the desk in the basement church office, or emailed to splchurchsec@gmail.com. The Voter’s Assembly meeting is on Sunday January 26th after the church service. Thank you for your cooperation!

Bulletin Messages: Do you have a message that you would like included in the Sunday bulletins? If so, please have the message to Amber Shaffer by Thursdays before 7:00pm. You can either call/text me at (260)-223-9897 or email me at splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

JV Boys Basketball: SPI is excited to have a JV Boys Basketball team this year! The remaining games on the schedule are:

January 21st, at SPI vs. Ossian at 5:30pm

January 28th at SPI vs. Zion Decatur at 5:00pm.

If you can help with the home games, please visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AAAA22A7FF2-53101984-spibasketball#/> to sign up.

Thank you!

Hoagland Area Advancement Association: All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday January 26th, from 9AM-1PM at Hoagland Community Center- 11320 Hoagland Rd, Hoagland, IN. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit & Beverages. Price: Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 yrs \$5, Under 5 yrs eat free. Drive-Thru and Carryout Available. Now accepting credit cards. All profits to be used for Hoagland Area Advancement Association's Community Programs & Projects

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF January 19th, 2025

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Voter's Assembly meeting after service
	1:00-3:00 pm	Open House at SPI School

The Picnic Grove Project

Our goal is to utilize the picnic grove area to its full potential. Minimal maintenance of the property has been done over 25 years. The trees are in poor quality, the building needs updated in order to be utilized for family gatherings, reunions, graduation parties, outdoor worship services, weddings- all for congregational members to enjoy. St. Peter is blessed with the space of the Picnic Grove that has not been utilized since the school was tore down. What better way to grow the congregation and build fellowships than with an updated Picnic Grove.

Over the years the trees have lost limbs in high winds and storms. Over the years, a tree here and there has been cut down due to decay. Fortunately, no large limbs or trees have fallen on the building. There have been several church members who have recommended that now would be a suitable time to start new with the landscape. Over the last few years new trees have been transplanted to replace the dying trees. For every tree that has been removed; two trees have been planted. It has been brought to our attention that the new trees are struggling to survive, due to the established trees taking up all the available water. Eventually, the goal is to remove all the old trees and replace them with new trees. Removal of trees, planting new trees, and labor have all been donated.

Phase 1: Over the next year the plan is to replace the foundation that is cracked and crumbling. Along with a new foundation the building will be jacked up, the elevation will be re-graded for improved drainage and a new foundation poured. In addition to the foundation, new floor drains, plumbing for water lines, and electrical will be run.

Phase 2: Since the stand was built almost 100 years ago with the purpose of serving food for church functions and the popular ice cream social, an additional shelter will be built. A 40'x60' open air pavilion will be built on the north side of the stand for seating during events. This will eliminate the need for tent rental.

To date over \$3,000.00 has been raised. We are applying for a matching grant through the Lutheran Foundations. Many congregation members have pledged their time and talents to complete Phase 1 of the project. The cost needed for Phase 1 will be for stone and concrete.

Vote for your choice. In order for a vote to be considered valid, it must be cast by a voting member during the Voter's Assembly meeting on Sunday January 26th. Not a member of the Voter's Assembly? Come to the meeting and you can join the Assembly and make your vote count!

At least five more trees need to come down around the picnic stand.

Please vote for one.

1. Leave the remaining trees in place standing along the road and ditch _____
2. Remove all the silver maple trees and start new _____