

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Stan & Priscilla Peters; Ken & Bea Myers; for peace in our nation and for wisdom for our leaders

THE VOTERS' MEETING for the first quarter is **TODAY**.

MASK-REQUIRED SERVICES are held **every** Wednesday at 11:00am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS resumes today, Sunday, Jan. 10 at 11:30am.

THE YOUTH GROUP meets this evening at **6:00pm**. Note the time change! Feel free to bring friends! Parents: we'll be done at 7:30pm.

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 10 (Baptism of Jesus)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed. Jan. 13	11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Jan. 14	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Jan. 17 (Epiphany 2)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed.-Fri. Feb. 3-5	Pastor @ conference

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: January 17 / Epiphany 2

OT: Exodus 33:12-23

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

EPISTLE: Romans 12:6-16

HYMN: LSB 402

COLLECT OF THE DAY: 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.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. One sign of this restoration, says the prophet Amos, is that the mountains shall drip sweet wine. When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “*back*” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride, and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “*love one another with brotherly affection . . .*” and to “*outdo one another in showing honor*” (Rom. 12:6–16).