

JANUARY 16, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

God's abundant goodness brings joy.

WEEKLY MILESTONES:



Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:



How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



Turning water into wine is Jesus' first miraculous "sign" in John's gospel which confirms for his disciples that Jesus is the Messiah promised in Scripture.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



1. In this reading, who went with Jesus to the wedding?	<p>A His Disciples and his Mother</p> <p>B Members of his carpentry club</p> <p>C His next door neighbor</p> <p>D Joseph</p>
2. In this reading, where is Cana located?	<p>A By the Mediterranean Sea</p> <p>B On the east side of the Dead Sea</p> <p>C Near Damascus</p> <p>D In Galilee</p>
3. In this reading, to whom did Jesus tell the servants to take a sample of the wine from the stone water jars?	<p>A The bridegroom</p> <p>B His mother</p> <p>C The chief steward</p> <p>D The bride</p>

Answer key on page 2



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SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Isaiah 62:1-5	Jerusalem will be saved
1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Psalms 16:7-11	Song of trust in God
Jeremiah 33:10-13	Healing after punishment
Philemon 1:4-7	Philemon's love and faith
Psalms 36:5-10	Human sin and God's goodness

RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:

What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

HYMN OF THE WEEK:

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

Text: Christopher Idle (1938-)

Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)



<https://youtu.be/Jp5pGKR5eSA>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #312]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, your love and faithfulness brings joy; may we use our gifts so that others may see Jesus as the source of your abundant goodness. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the God of abundant love give you joy.



Answer Key: 1-A, 2-D, 3-C