

# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion January 14, 2018

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Communion Hymn (sit) Hymn Board

Communion Sentence: *St. Mark 1.*

There came a voice from heaven, saying: Thou art my  
beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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**We are pleased that you chose to be here with us at St. Luke! We extend a warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please sign the Guest Book located in the Narthex, fill out a Visitor Card, and join us for coffee hour after Mass in the Parish Hall.**

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## Mass Intentions

**Prayer list:** Sylvia, Sudie Leigh, Laura, William, Marjorie, Ernie, Ruth, Kristi, Rebecca, Charles, Jody, Lamar, Ricie, William, Howard, April, Joyce, Mary Jo, Marcia, Kenneth, the McKinney family, Barbara, Dale, Stephen, Alex, Rebecca, Frank+, Frances, Eric+.

**Also for:** all first responders and all active military

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The ACC in Rawanda

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## Parish Meeting & Vestry Meeting

There will be a brief Parish Meeting this morning during coffee hour to vote on the proposed Bylaws amendments. All voting members of the parish are encouraged to attend! The first meeting of the new vestry will immediately follow in the library. Everyone is welcome.

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## Meals on Wheels & Food Drive

Donations of food, money, and cold weather clothing to the Golden Harvest Food Bank are still appreciated. Keep up the good work!

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## Upcoming Service & Study Schedule

Tuesday, January 16 @ 8:30 AM: Morning Prayer & Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17 @ 6:30 PM: Evening Prayer, Study & Supper

Thursday, January 18 @ 11:30 AM: Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 21 @ 9:30 AM: Sunday School "The Life of Christ"

## “The Physician’s Notes” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

The “epiphany moment” of Christ’s Baptism is certainly the most evident, Scripturally-speaking, of this season. When Jesus comes up from the water, He hears his Father’s voice, “Thou art my beloved, Son, in whom I am well pleased,” and sees the Spirit descend upon Him like a dove. Christianity’s Trinitarian theology depends on Gospel episodes like this, and for our purposes during Epiphany, truly manifests His Deity as worthy of belief.

But, we must ask, why did God will this epiphany during the action of *baptism*? We must the same question about the *Circumcision*. Why did His Father choose ceremonial acts symbolic of purification from sin to prove the divinity of His Son “*who knew no sin*”? In St. Matthew’s account of the Baptism, St. John shares our puzzlement and hesitates to oblige, but Jesus insists that he must baptize Him to “*fulfill all righteousness*.” Why? What does Scripture ask us to discern about our Divine Lord in this epiphany?

First, Jesus, though not a sinner, is willing to show His solidarity with sinners. The “Word made flesh” goes down to the water of repentance like all the other sinners. For Him, it’s not *personal* repentance, but an act of acknowledging that He is come to associate with the sinners who need to repent. The epiphany is that God our Savior is to be the “friend of sinners” during His ministry.

Second, Jesus accepts baptism to begin His work of atonement that He would complete at Calvary. He knows that our sinful race cannot purify itself; so instead He, though sinless, makes our purification His mission. When Jesus goes into Jordan, He shows that He will regenerate us with His Divine Life.

Third, Jesus’ Baptism confirms that He is the same Divine Son of God who would be crucified. St. John writes in his first epistle: “*This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood.*” The Baptism and the Cross work together! They testify that Jesus secured our salvation through two events which He applies to us in two corresponding sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion. To quote our Anglican H.C., our souls are “*washed through His most Precious Blood.*”

### A Note About Today’s Holy Communion Service:

You will notice in the bulletin this morning that our Holy Communion service is following a liturgical sequence quite similar to that used by Bishop Haverland last Sunday. The reason for this is quite simple. During his visit, His Grace emphasized that the prosperity of Continuing Anglican parishes relies greatly on our commitment to liturgical excellence. Worship that is done well and makes full use of our resources is most glorifying to God and makes the best impression on newcomers. Furthermore, the addition of parts like the *Introit*, the *Gradual*, and the Communion Prayers help reinforce the theological themes of each Eucharist, which is why they are printed in the bulletin. We hope that these adjustments will help our Anglican worship at St. Luke to realize its full potential: to create the most sublime experience of God’s presence, and to nurture our religious formation as informed churchman and mature disciples of Our Lord Jesus.

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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After The Epiphany January 14, 2018

The Most Rev. Mark Haverland, Ph.D., **Bishop Ordinary**  
The Reverend Fr. Daniel S. Trout, **Priest in Charge**

### Vestry and Officers

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