

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3rd 2021
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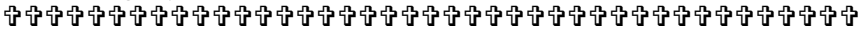
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AS WE GATHER At Christmas, surrounded by angels and shepherds, the old carol has us ask the question, "What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?" (LSB 370) It is very much like the fascination of all parents as they look upon their newborn child wondering what will become of him or her. We ask children, "What do you want to be or do when you grow up?" More important than a person's job or employment, however, is one's character and personality. "Who are you?" is the deeper question. Today St. Luke gives us a glimpse of Jesus who, already at twelve years old, knew Himself to be the Son of God the Father and that He came to be about the Father's work of salvation. In Christ we become children of the heavenly Father. That identity changes everything!



THE LORD'S SUPPER is the participation in the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the New Covenant, whose blessings are received through faith. This is a meal for those who comprehend the mystery of the Supper through instruction in God's Word and who can then publicly confess their unity of faith with us at the altar. If you are not a member of one of our sister congregations, please speak with Pastor during the week before communing. We truly want you to receive the Sacrament to your benefit and God's glory!



Song of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

Confession and Absolution – LSB Page 151

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

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;*

his understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*

in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*

Praise your God, O | Zion!

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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Kyrie, Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”, Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a | new song,*

for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand - Alleluia and Verse

**Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.**

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit - Within the Father's House

LSB 410

Sermon – "About My Father's Business" Luke 2:49 (NKJV)

Stand - Nicene Creed – LSB Page 158

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son, the eternal Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Extend His praise into all the world, that many more with us would come to hope in His steadfast love.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offertory

LSB Page 159

Service of the Sacrament – LSB Page 160

Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Words of Our Lord, Lord's Prayer, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Sit – **Distribution** - *The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

Instrumental Hymn

Once in Royal David’s City

LSB 376

Stand - Post-Communion Canticle “Nunc Dimittis”, Post-Communion Collect, Benediction – LSB Page 165

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390

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Attendance last Sunday: 44
Officiant: Rev. Wayne Schwanke
Organist: Chris Cutts
Elder: Bob Boelter
Ushers:
Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY- JANUARY 3

9:15am *Bible Class*
10:30am *Worship Service w/ Holy Communion*

MONDAY- JANUARY 4

8:00am *School Resumes*
4:00pm *Parent Teacher Group Meeting*

WEDNESDAY- JANUARY 6

1:00pm *Chapel*
6:00pm *Confirmation Class*

SUNDAY- JANUARY 10

9:15am *Bible Class*
10:30am *Worship Service*

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be at 6:00pm on the following Wednesdays: January 6th, January 13th & January 27th.

The Board of Stewardship gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

\$50 in memory of Bud Keller. Doris Buchholtz, La Verne Utecht, and Marion Brazil.

A gift of \$75 was given in memory of Marian Brazil. This was designated to the Christian Life Center. A gift of \$1500 was given to Christ Lutheran School by the Andrew Schliepp family.

Mormons: Who Are They and What They Believe

A new Bible Study is beginning Sunday, January 3 at 9:15am, in the school library. This will be a study of the Mormon religion starting from its beginning to the present time. It will be an interesting and a very current topic. We would welcome you all to attend. What makes this group distinctive and how they differ from other Christian churches. A discussion follows a video presentation on the topic.

The 2021 envelopes are in your mailboxes, please put your name on the envelope because some numbers have changed. This serves as a good cross reference

*A reminder to please have any bulletin announcements to the secretary by Thursday morning 8am. Thank you!

CELC Prayer List— CELC Prayer List—Fred Monroe (healing from surgery & health issues), Rene Dorsett’s father; Lavern Lipke (healing); Brian Brazil (recovery); Verona Lipke (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer’s son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm’s Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

In the Military: Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

Our Shut Ins: Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel

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