

# **WELCOME**

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

### **JANUARY 3, 2021**



## **“GROWING IN WISDOM”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The end of a calendar year and the beginning of a new set of months brings a special opportunity to look at our lives. What has been most memorable in our lives in the past weeks and months? How might our priorities change in the next months? The Readings in today’s service are not often heard because the calendar does not always bring two Sundays after Christmas. Wisdom is waiting to be found by each of us here in this place today as we hear God’s Word and seek His kingdom in this New Year of grace. God’s wisdom is here to bless us each time we gather for worship!

### **WELCOME**

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**    “From East to West”                    (*LSB 385*)

**1 From east to west, from shore to shore  
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing  
The holy child whom Mary bore,  
The Christ, the everlasting king.**

**2 Behold, the world's creator wears  
The form and fashion of a slave;  
Our very flesh our maker shares,  
His fallen creatures all to save.**

**3 For this how wondrously He wrought!  
A maiden, in her lowly place,  
Became, in ways beyond all thought,  
The chosen vessel of His grace.**

**4 And while the angels in the sky  
Sang praise above the silent field,  
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High,  
the one great Shepherd, was revealed.**

**5 All glory for this blessed morn  
To God the Father ever be;  
All praise to You, O Virgin-born,  
And Holy Ghost eternally.**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**      *Hebrews 8:10–12; Psalm 122:1*

**Pastor:** “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

**People:** **I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

Pastor: And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.

**People: For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."**

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

**People: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious and heavenly Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

[LSB 948, St. 1 & 2]

**All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**We praise You, God, Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify  
The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.**

## SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 Kings 3:4–15 (Solomon prays to God for the gift of wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup> And 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. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> And 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Give 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?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And 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, <sup>12</sup> behold, 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. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare

with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup> And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup> And 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 1:3–14 (We are gifted with God’s spiritual blessings.)*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In 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, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In 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, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 2:40 (spoken together)*

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:40–52 (The boy Jesus is found in the temple at Jerusalem.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but 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, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking

them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And 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.” <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, “**Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**” <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And 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. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”  
(*LSB 375, Sts. 1,2,5,6*)

**1 Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.**

**2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending  
And in love our race befriending;  
In our need His help extending,  
Saved us from the wily foe.**

**5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing  
When by faith we grasp this blessing,  
And to You we come confessing  
That Your love has set us free.**

**6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,  
From Your lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join Your choir above.**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

**CREED HYMN** “We All Believe in One True God” (*LSB 953*)

**1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
ever present help in need,  
praised by all the heav'nly host,  
by whose mighty pow'r alone  
all is made and wrought and done.**

**2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
who descended from his throne  
and for us salvation won--  
by whose cross and death are we  
rescued from all misery.**

**3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
who from both fore'er proceeds,  
who upholds and comforts us  
in all our trials, fears, and needs.  
Blest and holy Trinity,  
praise forever be to thee!**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Grant us the gift of Your Spirit, that we receive Your wisdom and blessings with thankfulness. Help us to treasure the life of faith and worship we share and receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### SANCTUS

*(LSB 948, St. 3)*

**Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**     *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor:     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.”**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor:     As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:     Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor:     The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:     Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

(LSB 948, St. 4)

**You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.**

### **+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+**

***By communing, a person says publicly that they -***

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

***How to receive –***

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Who Is He In Yonder Stall”**

**1 Who is he in yonder stall,  
at whose feet the shepherds fall?  
Who is he in deep distress,  
fasting in the wilderness?**

**Refrain:**

**'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!  
At his feet we humbly fall,  
crown him, crown him, Lord of all!**

**2 Who is he the people bless  
for his words of gentleness?  
Who is he to whom they bring  
all the sick and sorrowing? [Refrain]**

**3 Who is he that stands and weeps  
at the grave where Lazarus sleeps?  
Who is he the gath'ring throng  
greet with loud triumphant song? [Refrain]**

**4 Lo! at midnight, who is he  
prays in dark Gethsemane?  
Who is he upon the tree  
dies in grief and agony? [Refrain]**

**5 Who is he that from the grave  
comes to heal and help and save?  
Who is he that from his throne  
rules thro' all the world alone? [Refrain]**

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**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*(LSB page 211)*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen and support us, Your pilgrim people, so that we grow in wisdom and serve You and our neighbor. Keep us in Your care in the year that is beginning, and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”  
(*LSB 378*)

**1 Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
And usher in the morning.  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
The day of grace is dawning.  
This Child, though weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The pow'r of Satan breaking.  
Our peace with God now making.**

**2 O dearest Child, whom I adore,  
Whose grace surpasses measure.  
My Brother, whom I cherish more  
Than earth with all its treasure;  
Haste from Thy manger to depart,  
O come and dwell within my heart;  
With joy will I receive Thee,  
A cradle there will give Thee.**

**3 All blessing, thanks, and praise to Thee,  
Lord Jesus Christ, be given  
Thou hast my brother deigned to be,  
Thou Lord of earth and heaven.  
Help me throughout this day of grace  
To praise Thy love and seek Thy face;  
And when I stand before Thee  
Forever to adore Thee.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist:** Rev. Maurice Lind
- **Organist:** George Kelm
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- **Please call or e-mail Pastor Oswald with your prayer requests. We will not collect prayer request cards at this time.**
- **Please remember to check your mailbox at the head of the stairs.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>1/5</b>	<b>Mike McNulty</b>
<b>1/6</b>	<b>Tonya Olsen</b>
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Terri Stade</b>

**Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week**

**1/4/21 – 1/10/21**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30pm:</b>	<b>Elders’ Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>8:00am:</b>	<b>Men’s Breakfast</b>
	<b>4:30pm:</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
	<b>6:30pm:</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9:30am:</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:15am:</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>9:00 am:</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:15 am:</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>Children’s Sunday School</b>