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Second Sunday after Christmas **January 2nd, 2022**



**HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR
5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

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| WORDS OF WELCOME | | Elder of the Day |
| OPENING HYMN | <i>“A Great and Mighty Wonder”</i> | LSB 383 |
| CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION | | LSB page 151 |
| KYRIE | | LSB pages 152-153 |
| HYMN OF PRAISE | <i>“This is the Feast”</i> | LSB page 155 |
| SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY | | |

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ended.

People: **We commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come.**

Pastor: In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit

People: **that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

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. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” 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. 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. 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. 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?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 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, 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. 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. 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."

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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 119:97-104

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,

People: **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

Leader: Oh how I love Your law!

People: **It is my meditation all the day.**

Leader: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

People: **I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

Leader: I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts.

People: **I hold back my feet from every evil way,**

Leader: in order to keep Your word.

People: **I do not turn aside from Your just decrees,**

Leader: for You have taught me.

People: **How sweet are Your words to my taste,**

Leader: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: **Through Your precepts I get understanding;**

Leader: therefore I hate every false way.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE [Common]

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:40-52

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 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, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and

his answers. 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.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 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. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loves Me Dearly”

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THE SERMON

“God Loves You Dearly”

Ephesians 1:3-14

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God’s people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

Lord, we pray for this New Year that is here, that You continue to bless us, Your people chosen before the foundation of the world, so that we may be a blessing to others.

People: **Fill us with the wisdom of Your Word.**

Pastor: Lead and guide our visioning, goal setting, and planning so that we have a positive impact in our world both now and for eternity.

People: **Lord, we pray for all who lead—in government, in the public and private sectors, and in Your Church—that they lead with Your wisdom so that the decisions they make are in line with Your will for all people.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all who are hurting, grieving, and struggling in their heart, soul, strength, and mind, [*especially . . .*] that they experience Your dear, sweet love for them as You lead, guide, and provide for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions that end in: “Lord, in your mercy”)

People: **Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who are beginning this year with goals to read the Bible and learn more about You,

People: that You connect them with Your people so that, as with Philip and the Ethiopian, there is someone to help them understand the mystery of Your will.

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

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB pages 159-160

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

COMMUNION LITURGY

LSB pages 160-163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“A Little Child on the Earth Has Been Born”

CM 15

1. A little Child on the earth has been born,
A little Child on the earth has been born;
He came to the earth for the sake of us all,
He came to the earth for the sake of us all.
(Sing twice)

HYMN

“Child in the Manger”

CM 18

1. Child in the manger,
Infant of Mary;
Out-cast and stranger,
Lord of all;
Child who inherits
All our transgressions,
All our demerits
On Him fall.

2. Once the most holy
 Child of salvation
 Gently and lowly
 Lived below;
 Now as our glorious
 Mighty Redeemer,
 See Him victorious
 O'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him
 Infant of wonder;
 Angels behold Him
 On His throne;
 Worthy our Savior
 Of all our praises;
 Happy forever
 Are His own.

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| HYMN | <i>“Once in Royal David’s City”</i> | LSB 376 |
| HYMN | <i>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</i> | LSB 359 |
| POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE | | LSB page 164 |
| POST- COMMUNION COLLECT | | LSB page 166 |
| BENEDICTION | | LSB page 166 |
| CLOSING HYMN | <i>“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”</i> | LSB 733 |



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

Brian Ternus
Elder

9:00AM SUNDAY

Gary Klatt
Elder
Caleb Stueven
Preston Johnson
Acolytes
Denise Edwards
Organist
Parker Coughlin
Sound

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
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