

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Jan. 2 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Jan. 2 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Jan. 2 No Sunday School classes

Jan. 4 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Jan. 4 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Jan. 5 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Jan. 5 Noon Bible Study

Jan. 5 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

HYMN OF THE DAY: The theme for this Sunday is God's wisdom. Solomon prays for it, Paul praises it, and Jesus embodies it. He is the wisdom of God incarnate. Because Jesus is God's wisdom, the words he speaks are words of life. So we praise Christ for his words in our sermon hymn, *Wonderful Words of Life*. The words of Christ are words of "life and beauty." The words of Christ bring peace and pardon. The words of Christ sanctify. The words of Christ are "beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

A WORD: Each of our readings focuses on God's wisdom. In the Old Testament reading, we meet Solomon, who asks God for wisdom to be king. God praises Solomon because he asked for wisdom instead of wealth, long life, or victory over his enemies. While many earthly things are good, wisdom is better than them all. In our epistle reading, Paul praises the outworking of God's wisdom which results in salvation for those whom God has elected and called by the Gospel.

In the Gospel reading, we meet Jesus, the wisdom of God incarnate. Though only twelve years old, Jesus amazes the teachers in the temple with his understanding. If anyone should lack wisdom, let him pray to God like Solomon and listen to Jesus like the teachers. Then, he will learn God's wisdom, and having learned it, let him praise God for it like Paul.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1Kings 3:4-15 Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Frantically searching parents finally found Jesus where He said He was to be found. Jesus is about His Father's business. Jesus is always found right where He promises to be. Years later, when the disciples were greatly concerned about the empty tomb after Jesus' death on the cross, they found Him risen from the dead and in Galilee, just as He promised. We have no need to be frantic in our search for Jesus. He is right where He has promised to be; in His Word and Sacraments.

PEACE DEVOTIONS: Many people make a new year's resolution to start a devotional life. That resolution is easy to make, but hard to do. Where do you start? How do you know what to include? Why not start with devotions published by your own church? Pastor Alex will be publishing a devotional booklet for every week in 2022. This booklet will include everything needed to build a vibrant devotional life for individuals and families. Join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ this coming year. The devotions are available on the back table of the sanctuary.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2022 are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committees for January are: Peace-Bev Doorenbos and Shirley Lambert and at English-Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will meet January 12th at 3:30 p.m. Devotions and Program by Verla Fick and Hostess will be Karen Olson.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect cereal – hot and cold for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 850: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 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 Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**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.**

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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 2:40

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

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

Blue Book 21; Gray Hymnal 96

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

HYMN 524: HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

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