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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 11:00 AM**

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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
(Series B)**

## **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!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. *Luke 2:46*

## **PRELUDE**

*Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.*

## **✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRESERVICE SONG - "The Millennium Prayer"**

1, 2 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 our sins, O Lord  
As we forgive each one of those  
Who against us have sinned  
And lead us not to time of trial  
But deliver us from harm  
For Thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory

3 Let all the people sing amen  
In every tribe and tongue  
Let every heart's desire be joined  
To see the kingdom come  
Let every hope and every dream  
Be born in love again  
Let all the world sing with one voice  
Let the people say amen

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Hebrews 8:10-12; Psalm 122:1*

- P** “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.
- C** **For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”**
- P** I was glad when they said to me,
- C** **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious and heavenly Father.
- C** **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been wise in our thinking and our speaking and our actions. Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You, through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct all that we do by Your Holy Spirit that in the year now beginning we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people.**

**P** 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.

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty Father, You have shined on us the new Light of Your Word made flesh, who lived among us. Cause us to find in Jesus, this Light, who and what is really important in life, and grant us Your blessing as we follow Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **OPENING SONG - "We Three Kings"**

- 1            We three kings of Orient are  
              Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
              Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
              Following yonder star
- 2, 4, 6      O star of wonder, star of night  
              Star with royal beauty bright  
              Westward leading, still proceeding  
              Guide us to Thy perfect Light

3 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

5 Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Heaven to earth replies

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Kings 3:4-15*

*(Solomon prays to God for the gift of wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup> 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

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

**C** **and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

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

**C** **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**L** Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C** **for he has done marvelous things!**

## 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 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Matthew 25:13*

**P** Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

**C** 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.)*

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**LAMB'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

## OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:  
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 Kings 3:4 – “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.”** Now that's a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow's mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed here and everywhere, the wisdom of God be honored and followed, and the gifts of God be treasured and shared. Lord of the Church,

**C** in mercy, hear our prayer.

**P** We pray as this New Year begins for our nation and for all of the people of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness and wellness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,

**C** **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for our families and our neighbors. Help us to remember that each person in our lives is a precious gift from God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, help us to choose wisely how we invest our time in the coming weeks and find in our associations with God's people a source of mutual support and blessing. Lord of all generations,

**C** **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially making our petitions for the hospitalized and those who are shut in. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and for all those for whom our intercession is desired, [*including . . .*]. Lord of care and grace,

**C** **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** As a community of the faithful gathered, we remember those who have shared the faith with us and now have departed this earthly life, especially those whose earthly lives came to an end in the past year. Direct our ways that we complete our journey of life in faith with divine wisdom to direct us. At the end of our days, bring us to rejoice together eternally with saints and angels and all the company of heaven in light everlasting. Lord of eternity,

**C** **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

# ✠ 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C** 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** 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.”

*Sit*

### THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him will receive the body and blood of Christ first. They will then distribute the elements to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*During the COVID-19 regulations, continuous communion will be practiced. Please maintain Social Distancing while waiting in line to receive communion.*

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### “In Christ Alone”

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand
  
- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3 There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He arose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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### “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our savior was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from satan's power when we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father this blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us faith to rejoice in His salvation, knowing that what He has done for us will last for time and eternity. Grant us Your abiding peace each day of our lives as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our hope and comfort, we pray.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**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.

## CLOSING SONG - "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

1, 3, 5,      Go, tell it on the mountain  
7,8          Over the hills and everywhere  
                Go, tell it on the mountain  
                That Jesus Christ is born

2              While shepherds kept their watching  
                O'er silent flocks by night  
                Behold throughout the heavens  
                There shone a holy light

- 4           The shepherds feared and trembled  
              When lo above the earth  
              Rang out the angel chorus  
              That hailed our Savior's birth
- 6           Down in the lowly manger  
              Our humble Christ was born  
              And God sent us salvation  
              That blessed Christmas morn

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