

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Jesus Is King
January 4 & 5, 2014

AS WE GATHER

For the Son of God the Jerusalem temple was always His house. As the incarnate Son, Jesus made many visits to His house without anyone knowing it was His! The Jerusalem temple will be the arena of His final visit in Jerusalem before the cross. Then, as the old temple is destroyed, He Himself becomes the holy temple in His resurrection body. More glorious than David and of even greater wisdom than Solomon, He is the only High Priest we need who intercedes for us before the Father. By His blood “we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (*Romans 5:2*).

5:00 PRE SERVICE BELLS *“He is Born”*

WELCOME

“Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” Deuteronomy 30:19b-20

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #376 *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

Once in royal David’s city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

For He is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav’n above;
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God’s right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

(Rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Give the king your justice, O God,

People: and your righteousness to the royal son!

Pastor: For He delivers the needy when He calls,

People: the poor and him who has no helper.

Pastor: He has pity on the weak and the needy,

People: and save the lives of the needy.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us bow before God our King and confess our weakness and need. O Lord, our God, King of the universe,

People: who alone does wondrous things, we bow before you in humility asking not for riches for ourselves or revenge over our enemies. By our sins, which are always before us, we have deserved nothing but your judgment and punishment both now and forever. At the invitation of your mercy we come before you with penitent hearts looking and asking for your grace. Forgive us, O God, and give us the wisdom of faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Because you have asked this, behold, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, declare the grace of God to 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“To Your Temple, Lord I Come”* LW #207 Stanzas 1,6,7

To your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior’s face.

While your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear you speaking from the sky.

From your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, “I have walked with God today.”

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

(Be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM of Tenley Rae Hirthe

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Please refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 3:4–15 (*A wise and discerning mind*) The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. “Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice. I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for – both riches and honor – so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” Then Solomon awoke – and he realized it had been a dream.

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3–14 (*Spiritual blessings in Christ*) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment – to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In

him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.

5:00 ANTHEM “*Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light*” Benjamin Culli *Choir*

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:40–52 (*The boy in the temple*) And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #410 “**Within the Father’s House**”

Within the Father’s house The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come.

The doctors of the Law Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words Of wisdom undefiled.

Yet not to them is giv’n The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil that hides Incarnate God below.

The secret of the Lord Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond’ring hearts await The full epiphany.

Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace. *Continued*

Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

SERMON

“Looking For Jesus”

Luke 2:40-52

(Rise)

5:00 & 8:00 NICENE CREED *(Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

5:00 BELLS DURING OFFERING *“Song of the Angels”*

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we continue to rejoice in the birth of our Savior and Redeemer, let us lift up our prayers in the holy name of Jesus. Most merciful God, we give thanks to you that you sent your only begotten Son into the flesh for our salvation and that your favor was upon Him.

People: For His sake alone, we pray that you would favor us as your forgiven and beloved children and listen to the petitions we bring before you.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, we give thanks that you showed great and steadfast love to your servant David and that you gave to Solomon a wise and discerning mind to govern your people, Israel. We commend to you the rulers of this and every nation.

People: Regarding their office, grant them wisdom to preserve peace and serve those entrusted to their authority. Regarding their souls, grant them penitent hearts so that they, too, might rejoice in your great and steadfast love.

Pastor: Our Father in heaven, we give thanks that you have made us your children through your Son, Jesus Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. We ask for your blessing upon our homes, that the truth of your Word and the spirit of love and grace may abound among us. Bless Emily and Brett as they begin their married life together.

People: Bestow upon parents wisdom to teach their children those things that are good and beneficial, most of all instruction in your holy Word; and grant to children obedient hearts that seek to honor their parents and serve you.

Pastor: As we begin the Consecrated Stewards process, we pray that you guide and direct our hearts to give sacrificially of our time, gifts and talents, and financial resources.

People: Move us to offer up these gifts in joy with thanksgiving for the blessings you have first given us and in response to the Gospel, that you might be glorified in all that we do.

Pastor: Almighty God, through the waters of Holy Baptism you claim us as your children, cleanse us of our sins, and call us to walk through life by the leading of your Spirit. We rejoice that Tenley Rae Hirthe is baptized into Christ this weekend.

People: Bless her parents to raise her in the nurture and admonition of the Lord Jesus. Bless godparents, family, and friends to support and encourage them as together they grow in your grace.

Pastor: O Lord, Creator and Preserver of all, we ask your blessing upon the year that has just begun. Although we do not know what trials and joys are ahead, we give great thanks that you have predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ and redeemed us through His blood.

People: We pray, therefore, that you would lavish your grace upon us and strengthen our faith, so that in every circumstance we might be confident that you work all things for our good for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, you are abundant in power, and you rejoice in those who fear you and hope in your steadfast love. We ask that you would hear the prayers of all who are in distress and cry to you for mercy including David, Carlene, Don, Dorothy, Leona, June, Dolores, Eleanor, Lorina, Jean, Sarah and Joe. Be with Mae as she remembers Ralph.

People: Grant to them healing according to your will; and in the meantime, sustain them in their affliction with the certain faith that eternal deliverance is theirs in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you that as Mary and Joseph found your incarnate Son in His Father’s house, so also He is found among us this day in His Word and Sacrament.

People: Grant that all who receive your Son’s body and blood might do so with prepared and penitent hearts, that they may be strengthened and preserved in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through faith in Christ Jesus.

People: Amen.

5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

"Lamb of God"

Stanzas 1 & 3

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*
(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

5:00 BELLS

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

HYMN #383 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!

Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!"

The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky. *Refrain*

While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain*

Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
The infant born in Beth'lem, The Savior and the Lord. *Refrain*

All idols then shall perish And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace. *Refrain*

HYMN #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your
ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that
long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us
courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's waring madness; Bend our pride to Your control: Shame our
wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant
us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your
salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You
whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.

HYMN #862 "Oh, Blest the House"

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,
who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we
thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this
Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to

rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Blessed be His name.

Pastor: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance,

People: that we might be to the praise of His glory.

Pastor: In Him you heard the word of truth and believed in Him,

People: and were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Pastor: The blessing of God, the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

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