

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all

things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

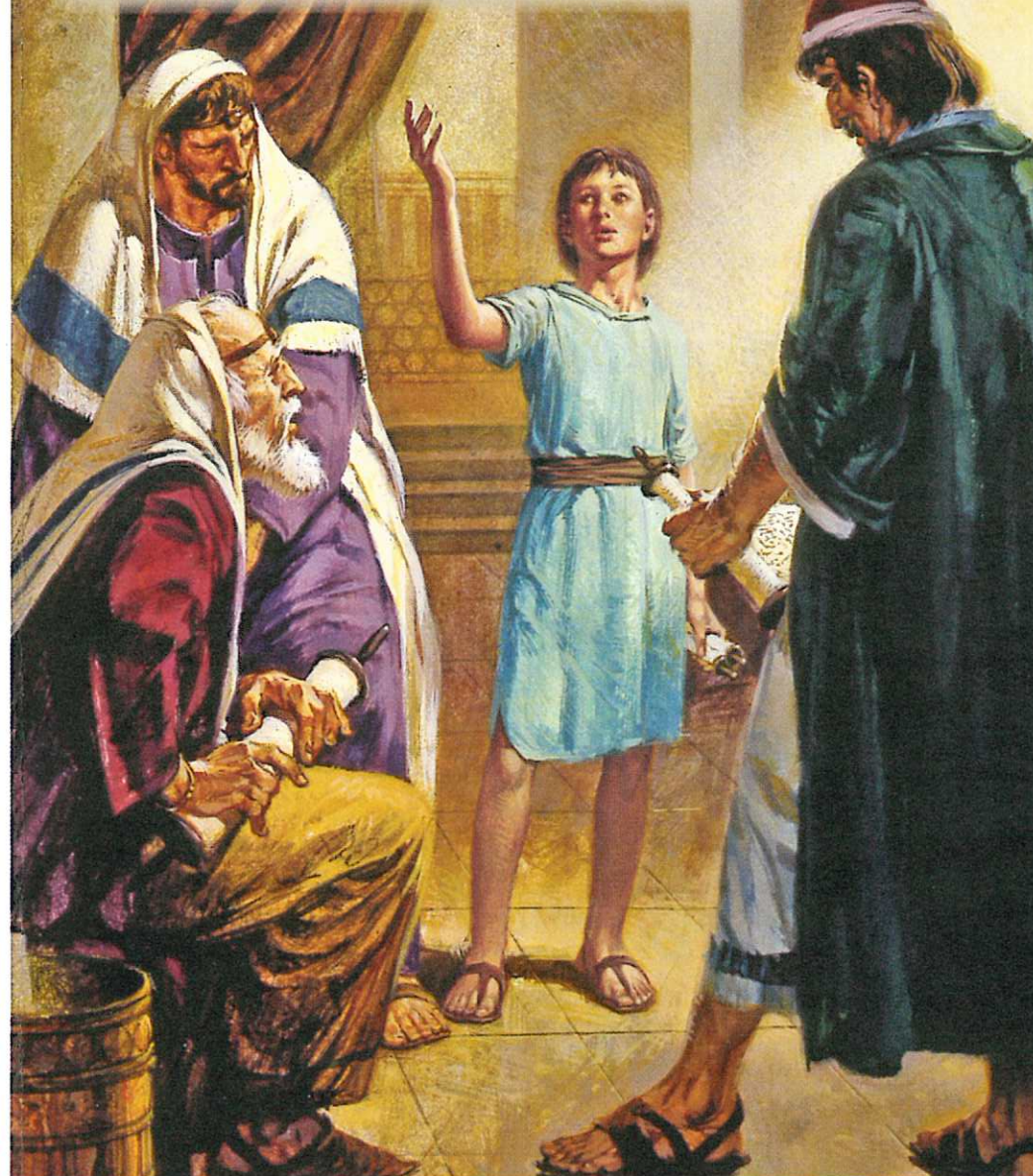
Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

After three days
they found Him in the temple



About the Cover: After three frantic days of searching, Mary and Joseph found the child in His Father’s house, amazing the teachers. A couple decades later, women would also be searching for Jesus in a tomb three days after His crucifixion. He was not where they expected Him. He was found alive to never die again, just as He said. For us as well, we find Jesus exactly where He promises to be: His Word and Sacrament.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2020

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 397, 554, 805, 370, 395, 400
Sermon: "What Does It Mean to Be King?"
Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/24 (Christmas Eve 4 p.m.): 203 Offering: \$4,708.00
Attendance 12/24 (Christmas Eve 8 p.m.): 53
Attendance 12/25 (Christmas Day): 70 Comm.: 56 Offering: \$1,752.00
Attendance 12/29 (Sun.): 82 Comm.: 72 Offering: \$2,287.00
Budget Needs: \$3,386.00 Scrip Profit 12/29: \$97.23

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/5) 10:00 a.m. – Undecorate Church
WED (1/8) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
THUR (1/9) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (1/12) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship**
 6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Randy & Kim Rahn upon the death of Randy's father, Wilmer Rahn.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pete & Cheryl Kittel in memory of Duane Kittel.

UNDECORATING will take place after church today. Please stay around for a while to help.

PENNIES FOR LIFE – You are encouraged to donate a penny for every year of life which God has granted you. Deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex. *Please do not donate junk pennies or Canadian pennies.* Donations will go to Lutherans for Life of Wisconsin. Deadline is January 26.

ADDRESS, PHONE, & EMAIL CHANGES – Please check and update the information we have for you on the sheets in the narthex, including any changes or additions. You may also email your information to the church office.

2020 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2020 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so as soon as possible as some box numbers have changed since last year.

USHERS NEEDED FOR 2020 – Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS should be turned in already. If not, drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com ASAP. *Thank you!*

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Peter 4:17 – "For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" The Gospel had freed us from all fear. God the Father loves us to the ends of love, and He has sent His Son to die for us and call us into His kingdom through the rebirth of water and Spirit. Saint Peter views this not as an excuse to sin but as encouragement for godly living. The judgment of the Lord is a real event, and it applies to the household of God. As members of His household, we desire to serve Him.