

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.

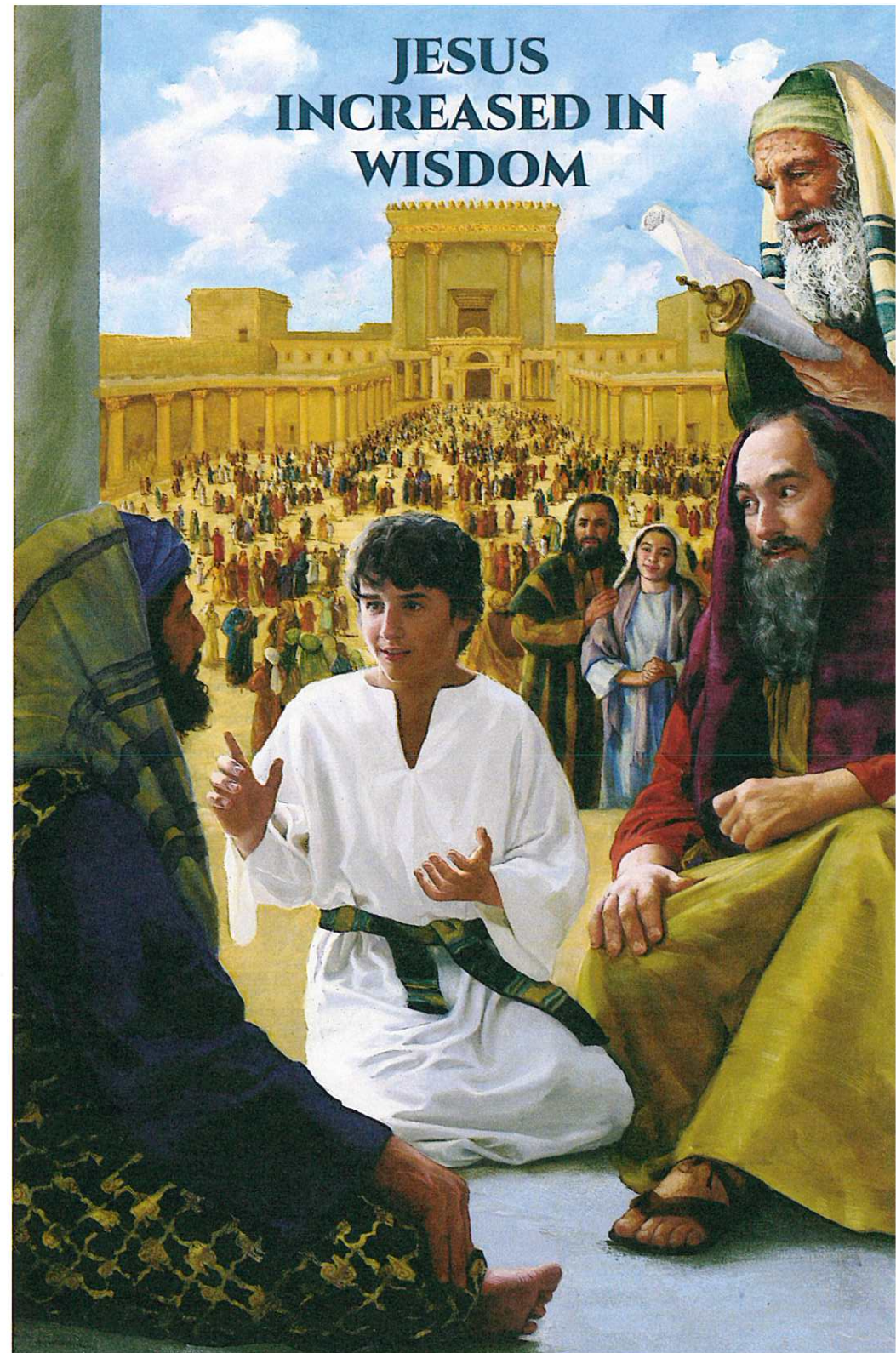
Holy Gospel

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.

About the Cover: Jesus increased in wisdom. In His divine nature, the Son of God has all knowledge and wisdom. He has no need for anyone to teach Him and yet in humility deigns to become a child, taking on our human nature. So, according to His humanity, He grows in wisdom. Jesus has become like us, except without sin, in order to redeem the whole of who we are.



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 3, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 397, 394 vs. 1 & 5, 395 vs. 1, 3, 4, 6, 400, 398, 399
Sermon: "People Who Don't Belong"
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.): 90 Offering: \$4,515.00
Attendance 12/24 (Christmas Eve 8 p.m.): 62
Attendance 12/25 (Christmas Day): 27 Comm.: 27 Offering: \$937.00
Attendance 12/27 (Sun.): 41 Offering: \$1,629.03
Budget Needs: \$3,484.00 Scrip Profit 12/27: \$20.25

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (1/6) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – Worship
 7:45 p.m. – Elders
 Installation of Officers

THUR (1/7) 5:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism

SUN (1/10) 8:15 a.m. – S.S.
 No B.C.
 9:00 a.m. – Worship
 Installation of Officers

UNDECORATING will take place after church on Sunday, January 10. 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 31.

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.

2021 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.

2021 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

NEWSLETTER HARD-COPY - If you would like a hard-copy of the church newsletter, please contact the church office and we will put one in your church mailbox each time it is printed.

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

Genesis 46:6 – “They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan ...” Look at all the temporal blessings that God gave to Jacob. We have also been greatly blessed to live in a land of freedom and prosperity. Shouldn't that make us thankful and generous?

Worry ends when
FAITH IN GOD
— Begins —