



Luke 2:40

*“And the child **grew** and
became **strong**,
filled with **wisdom**.
And the **favor of God** was upon
Him.*

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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. Through the Holy Gospel today, we hear about our Lord Jesus when He was a young man—one who increased in wisdom and stature. Jesus was glad to be in God's house when He was in Jerusalem. Our gladness in these special days is heightened by our being here for worship as we grow in wisdom and in stature by God's endless grace! 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!



OPENING HYMN O Sing of Christ

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1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;
4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE

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- L** 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.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- L** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 119:97-104

- L** Oh how I love Your law!
C It is my meditation all the day
- L** Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
C for it is ever with me.
- L** I have more understanding than all my teachers,
C for Your testimonies are my meditation.
- L** I understand more than the aged,
C for I keep your precepts.
- L** I hold back my feet from every evil way,
C in order to keep Your Word.



L I do not turn aside from Your just decrees,

C for You have taught me.

L How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C therefore I hate every false way.

GLORIA PATRI

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- 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 and 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.
- C** Amen.



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

⁴The 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.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And 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.

EPISTLE (We are gifted with God’s spiritual blessings.)

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who 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.



ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL (The boy Jesus is found in the temple at Jerusalem.) **St. Luke 2:40-52**

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And 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.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN On Christmas Night All Christians Sing LSB 377



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
 2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
 made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
 in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
 sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
 life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 sing, All for to see the new - born King,
 men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

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SERMON THE SOURCE OF TRUE WISDOM

Deacon Johnson

Text: St. Luke 2:40-52

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*

Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

- A** 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.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

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- L** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
L Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen. Amen. Amen.





1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

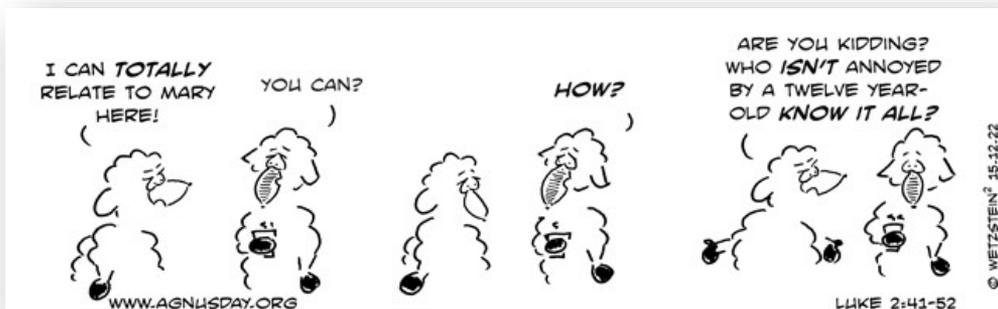


O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Soli Deo Gloria



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REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...

Those in need of our prayers: Barb Dyer, Becky Haltaufderheid, Barb Harr, Doug Kohlmeyer, Richard Lanke, Rev. Paul Pett, David Schmidt, Jean VandenLangenberg and Bev Wagner

Our Shut-Ins: Bill & Willie Burmeister, Juliana Gerrits, Faye Hintz, Ray & Melba Stampfl, Cheryl Szccepanski, and Becky Ullmer

Special Prayers Request: We pray for peace for our nation & those effected by natural disasters, and for our world for a cure for COVID-19.

Our Military: We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army), **Zach Marohnic** (Marine Reserves) and for the men & women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

THOSE CELEBRATING...

Birthdays: **Jan 3:** Hertha Olson **Jan 4:** Gerry Bonnin, Addison Breitenfeldt **Jan 6:** Jodi Lindroth **Jan 7:** Barb Dyer **Jan 8:** Tracey Juedes **Jan 9:** Stella Bierhals



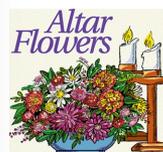
Anniversaries: **Jan 3:** Paul & Kristin Hilbert

BULLETINS SPONSORED BY: Hertha Olson in celebration of her 98th Birthday. We wish her another year of health and happiness. God's Blessings!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

The 2021 Church Envelopes have arrived and are ready for pickup. Please start using your new envelopes NOW. For those of you who do online giving, you will find a note in your mailbox with your assigned number. If you have any questions, please contact the church office @ 822-3511.



BULLETIN & FLOWER SPONSORS

The 2021 sign up sheets will be up soon and there are plenty of spots available to sponsor either the Weekly Bulletins or the Altar Flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or a special event. To sign up, place your name on the sheet outside the church office.

Don't forget to take your poinsettia after the service if you donated one. Otherwise, they will be disposed of on Monday, January 4th. Thanks!

HAPPINESS IS



...hot soup
on a cold day.

Help us do our part to **TACKLE
HUNGER** in our community.

Let's see how many cans of soup
we can collect by Sunday,
February 7th for our own

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY.

Our goal is to collect 300 cans of soup
to donate to the Pulaski
Food Pantry. Please help make this
possible by sharing God's love with
those in need so they can enjoy
some warm soup on a cold day.