

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School



TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn: Let Our Gladness Have No End 381
 Hymn of the Day: Within the Father's House 410
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 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread 625
 Go Tell It on the Mountain 388
 Oh, Blest the House 862
 Recessional Hymn: Once in Royal David's City 376

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark Wideman, son of Troy Wideman, awaiting heart replacement
Hawk (Ron White), hospitalized with kidney failure
Steve Gross, brother of Deacon Russ Gross, recovering from successful back surgery
Alhorn Family, as Virginia has gone home to heaven
Diane Ronchetto, awaiting hip replacement surgery, scheduled for January
Susan Jay, recovering at home from a successful surgery
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Elsie Albanese, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette, Gloria Paulus,
 Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Poinsettias today are given to
 the glory of God by Christ the King.



*We would love to have you sign up to provide flowers moving forward
 in the New Year. The sign up is in the narthex. Thank you!*

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Acolytes	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	Jilian Belli & Ava Belli
Altar	Erica Vasquez	Anna Smith
Elders	James Wilson	David Alder
Finance	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez	John Hinkleman, Jr & Joe Vasquez
Flowers	Poinsettias	Available for sign up
Ushers	Tom Crowley & Rick Brua	Joe Vasquez & Chris Blank

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM.....	Divine Service
	10:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Bible Class
SATURDAY	8:30AM.....	Bible Study

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)



Lesson 9: As we gather today, we will study “The Chosen King.” Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn them against their plan, telling them the consequences the people will face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom Samuel anoints as king over Israel.



PORTALS OF PRAYER

The new issue of our excellent daily devotional resource is available on the table in the narthex – get yours today.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

New offering envelopes are now available. We will also begin offering emailed statements. If this is something you would be interested in, please make sure we have your email address on file. If we do not have your email address you can reach out to Debbie Wolff and provide her with it. Please do not use 2021 envelopes in 2022. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar!

Everyone is welcome.

You are cordially invited to a salad luncheon on

Sunday, January 16th 11:45 am

(Right after Adult Bible Study)



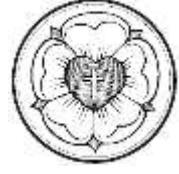
Our guest speaker, Dr. Raymond Morehouse, will be sharing his experiences working with the poor and homeless in Redlands. He has served this community for several years through Redlands Charitable Resource Coalition (RCRC). Raymond has formed a 501c3, Inherit the Earth Outreach (IEO), which is a Homeless Non-Profit Ministry in Redlands.

Check out this website <https://www.ieoutreach.com/>

This is sponsored by Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are collecting sleeping bags, jackets, and socks. If you would like to provide new or clean and gently used items, please bring them to the luncheon or place them in the large box in the narthex. So we know how many to expect, please sign up on the board in the narthex.



THE READINGS



1 Kings 3:4-15

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

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ 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, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ 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.

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ 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, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the

fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ 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, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ 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, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ 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." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ 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. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Thank You ~ From Pastor and Alise.

Dear Saints of Christ the King, Alise and I are so grateful to God that He placed us within this body of believers. Your kindness to our family is a hallmark of Christian love and devotion. This is not just a Christmas sentiment, but a profound appreciation for the life of faith that is lived out in our beloved congregation throughout the year. We are exceedingly proud to tell others where we are from, where we serve, and who we call our family of faith. Thank you for your generosity, your camaraderie in Christ, and your strength of character during the Covid challenge.

Peace be with you.



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The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

INTROIT Ps. 147: 1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his | glory,*
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of | grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abun | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those whose hope in his | steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!*

praise your God, O | Zion!

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

THE GRADUAL Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a Son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Sing to the Lord a new | song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!
