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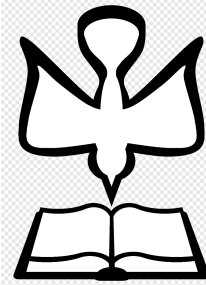
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Prayers, Readings, Sermon Notes, Hymns.

To Study and Share with those You Love.

**Week of JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022.**

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**We gain an  
understanding  
mind to go  
about our  
vocations,  
discerning  
between good  
and evil.**

Luke 2: 40-42

Song of Praise. **Mary Did You Know.** [NewSong 116]

**The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.**

## INTROIT

*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.*

## COLLECT

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 who hope in his | steadfast love.** Praise the LORD, O Je- | rusalem!\* Praise your God, O | Zion! **Glory 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.** 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.

## PSALM

Oh how I | love your law!\* It is my meditation | all the day. **Your commandment makes me wiser than my | enemies,\* for it is ever | with me.** I have more understanding than all my | teachers,\* for your testimonies are my medi- | tation. **I understand more than the | aged,\* for I keep your | precepts.** I hold back my feet from every | evil way,\* in order to | keep your word. **I do not turn aside from your | just decrees,\* for you have | taught me.** How sweet are your words | to my taste,\* sweeter than honey | to my mouth! **Through your precepts I get under- | standing;\* therefore I hate every | false way. Glory 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.** I do not turn aside from your | just decrees,\* for you have | taught me.

## SELECTED READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. 2 January 2022

1 Kings 3:4–15. Ephesians 1:3–14. Luke 2:40–52

### ***The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church***

- The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong”; He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 40- 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” that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood. (1 Kings 3:15),

## ***Nicene Creed Confession of Faith***

Hymn of the Day. **Within the Father’s House** LSB #410

**SERMON NOTES**

2 Jan. 2022. **Jesus Increased in Wisdom.** Luke 2:51-52

*Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*

By joining ourselves to the holy family in Nazareth, we can share in the blessing of security in a home, storing treasures in the heart and growing in wisdom and in favor with God and all the people.

- a. The blessing of security in a certain place and structure**
  - 1. He returned to Nazareth with them
  - 2. He was obedient / subject to Joseph and Mary
- b. The blessing of storing treasures in the heart**
  - 1. Treasure the Good News of what God has done for us
  - 2. Where neither moth nor rust decay, nor thieves break in
- c. The blessing of growing in wisdom, stature and favor with God**
  - 1. Having wisdom in the things of God (small catechism)
  - 2. Growing in stature and favor with all the people

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. JAN. 2022**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, preserve Your Church and look favorably on her ministers. Give them delight in this joyful season and restful reflection on the mystery of Your incarnation, that they may preach Your Word boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son diligently heard the Word of God and grew in wisdom and stature, submissive to His earthly parents and always about Your business and in Your house. Keep the families of Your Church abiding in Your Word, eager to be found among Your Word and Sacraments and always treasuring Your divine wisdom and favor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, uphold and strengthen Joseph, our president; all public servants; and those who protect us in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and heal them according to Your will. Receive our thanksgiving for every blessing and kindness You have shown to Your people in Christ [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son has won redemption through His blood, granting the forgiveness of our trespasses. So now according to the riches of Your grace, receive those who come to Your blessed Sacrament this day. Grant worthy repentance and confident faith to all who commune, united in a sincere confession of the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, in mercy You have established the Christian home among us. We implore You, rule and direct our hearts to be good examples to children and those subject to us, that we may not offend them by word or deed but faithfully teach them to love Your Church and hear Your blessed Word. Give them Your Spirit and grace, that this seed may bring forth good fruit and our homelife may advance Your glory, honor and praise as well as our own improvement and welfare, giving offense to no one; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**