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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Gift of Wisdom

January 2, 2022

AS WE GATHER

Have you tired of those Christmas gifts yet, or are you still enjoying them? God gave Solomon the gift of wisdom. God’s wisdom was a gift Solomon displayed vividly at times, but at other times, it seemed he had regifted it. In Jesus, we see the gift of God’s wisdom on full display when He is found in the temple, at age 12, asking questions and providing answers beyond His years. God continues to reveal His wisdom to us through the Bible. What is your plan for connecting with God and His wisdom this year?

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Let All Together Praise Our God” (*LSB 389*)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *John 3:16; Titus 2:11; 1 Timothy 2:3–4; 1 John 2:2*

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.**

Pastor: This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

People: **He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 3:22b–25a, 6:23

Pastor: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

People: **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world, we succumb to the thinking of this world, which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.**

Pastor: Our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, loves us dearly and blesses us with every spiritual blessing. We have redemption through Jesus 'blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Therefore, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thank You, Jesus! Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [St. 1: *LSB* 384]

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: **and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [St. 2: *LSB* 384]

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

People: **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [St. 3: *LSB* 384]

Pastor: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

People: **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [St. 4: *LSB* 384]

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

People: **Praise your God, O Zion!**

HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" [St. 5: *LSB* 384]

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

People: **and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" (*LSB* 390)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You are the fountain and source of all wisdom. You made Solomon a wise king. Your Son demonstrated this wisdom in the temple. Grant us Your wisdom so that we may share it in our communities and throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 3:4–15* (Solomon asks for the gift of wisdom.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 119:97–104*

Pastor: I have more understanding than all my teachers,

People: for Your testimonies are my meditation.

Pastor: Oh how I love Your law!

People: It is my meditation all the day.

Pastor: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.
People: **I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

Pastor: I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your precepts.
People: **I hold back my feet from every evil way,**

Pastor: in order to keep Your word.
People: **I do not turn aside from Your just decrees,**

Pastor: for You have taught me.
People: **How sweet are Your words to my taste,**

Pastor: sweeter than honey to my mouth!
People: **Through Your precepts I get understanding;**

Pastor: therefore I hate every false way.
People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
People: **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

GRADUAL *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
People: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

Pastor: And His name shall be called
People: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:3–14* (In His infinite wisdom, God gives us an eternal inheritance.) **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

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^[a] for adoption to himself as sons 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^[b] 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.

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^[a] of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,^[a] to the praise of his glory.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Luke 2:40*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: **The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.**

Pastor: And the favor of God was upon Him.

People: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:40–52* (Jesus is found sharing His wisdom in the temple.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

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^[a] 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?"^[b] 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^[a] and in favor with God and man.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "God Loves Me Dearly" (LSB 392)

SERMON

CREED

Nicene Creed

**People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

Lord, we pray for this New Year that is here, that You continue to bless us, Your people chosen before the foundation of the world, so that we may be a blessing to others. Fill us with the wisdom of Your Word. Lead and guide our visioning, goal setting, and planning so that we have a positive impact in our world both now and for eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all who lead—in government, in the public and private sectors, and in Your Church—that they lead with Your wisdom so that the decisions they make are in line with Your will for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all who are hurting, grieving, and struggling in their heart, soul, strength, and mind, [*especially* . . .] that they experience Your dear, sweet love for them as You lead, guide, and provide for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who are beginning this year with goals to read the Bible and learn more about You, that You connect them with Your people so that, as with Philip and the Ethiopian, there is someone to help them understand the mystery of Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your dear love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” (*LSB 375*)

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