



The Second Sunday After Christmas

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“Do Wisemen Still Seek Him?”

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TLH 130 v.1-3, 6

Opening Hymn – O Jesus, King of Glory

1. O Jesus, King of Glory, Both David's Lord and Son!
Thy realm endures forever, In Heav'n is fixed Thy throne.
Help that in earth's dominions, Throughout from pole to pole,
Thy reign may spread salvation, To each benighted soul.
2. The Eastern sages, bringing Their tribute gifts to Thee,
Bear witness to Thy kingdom And humbly bow the knee.
To Thee the star is pointing, And the prophetic Word;
Hence joyously we hail Thee: Our Savior and our Lord!
3. Thou art a mighty Monarch, As by Thy Word is told,
Yet carest Thou but little For earthly goods or gold;
On no proud steed Thou ridest, Thou wear'st no jeweled crown
Nor dwell'st in lordly castle, But bearest scoff and frown.
6. And bid Thy Word within me Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine Forever from me far.
Help me confess Thee truly And with Thy Christendom
Here own Thee King and Savior And in the world to come.

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

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1John 1:8

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen**

Collect of the Day (short prayer before hearing the Word)

P Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

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

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Adopting the posture of resurrection, we rise to hear the Gospel reading.

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.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Statement of Faith

C I believe that God is my gracious provider. He is the sovereign Lord of the Universe, the creator and sustainer of all life, and the giver of all good things. I believe that God knows my every need, and that He asks me to trust Him to meet those needs in His own way and in His own time. He asks me to seek Him in times of trial and tribulation, to thank and praise Him for His faithfulness, and to honor Him in all I think, say, and do. I believe that God loves me today and always; and that He has sought me to be His own, to walk in His light, to share His love, and to live with Him forever in heaven. I believe that God is triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father Who created me, God the Son who purchased my forgiveness on Calvary's cross, and God the Holy Spirit who works in me the faith to receive the gifts of light and life, love and truth. I believe that it is my duty and my delight to give Him thanks and praise, to surrender my will to His, and to glorify Him now and forever. Amen

Sermon Hymn – The Star Proclaims the King is Here LSB 399 v. 1-2, 5

1 The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2 The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.

5 For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

Sermon – "Do Wise Men Still Seek Him?"

Matthew 2:11

"And 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."

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy...

C Hear our prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of Christ

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always **C Amen.**

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God

John 1:29

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

We believe Jesus teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred meal of his own body and blood, given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Faith, not human reason, accepts this mystery. Participation in Holy Communion is available to all who have been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, believe in the physical presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine, and confess unity with everyone gathered here. 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Note: The center ring of each tray contains white grape juice for those who cannot have alcohol. Gluten-free hostbread is available for those with allergies.

Please wait for an usher. Music will accompany distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation;

3 Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

4 A light to lighten the Gentiles

and the glory of Thy people Israel

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Benediction (a good word from Numbers 6:24-27)

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

C Amen

HYMN – Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367 v. 1, 3, 5

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain

ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain

5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the_ eternal Three in One. Refrain

After the closing hymn please be seated for information regarding our life together in support of our mission to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

Summary Calendar For The Week of January 3, 2021 (Full calendar available at www.immanuelsandy.com and in Messenger)		
Date	Activity	Time
Sunday 3rd	Worship in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd: 193306	10:00 AM
Wednesday 6th	Women's Study zoom.us ID: 973 8055 2626 Pass 193306	10:30 – Noon
Sunday 10 th	Worship in-person/zoom.us ID 973 8055 2626 pwd: 193306	10:00AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Reopening" – Clackamas County is currently in the "Extreme Risk" category. What this means for church's is a cap of 25% indoor occupancy or 100 people total, whichever is smaller. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Thank you for your patience and steadfast faithfulness in our Lord's mission here at Immanuel in Sandy! Any questions, concerns, conversation please reach out to an Elder

Service Time Change - We have been informed that Pastor Olsen is no longer willing to serve as our vacancy pastor, as I explained to those attending Church on December 27th. As a result, the time of our service that was going to change to 9:00 am, effective January 17th, is no longer valid. The Church service time **will** remain at 10:00 am.

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Joyful Response – We are set up to receive electronic offerings! To sign up for recurring donations, please fill out the enrollment form, available in the Narthex, and return to the church office. Any questions, contact Dawn in the office.