

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas
DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151

“THE KING’S DREAM WAS REAL”

Text: 1 Kings 3:9 “So give to your servant a discerning heart (listening Hear) to govern your people and to distinguish right and wrong.”

INTRODUCTION – At the beginning of a new year, we are given the story of the beginning of King Solomon’s reign. The Lord gave him the equivalent of a blank check. “Ask what I shall give you.” The young King chose wisdom over fame or wealth or power. The Lord rewarded his wise request by giving everything else, as well. May the Lord give us all the gift of a listening heart, one that listens to God and to others, that we may be conveyors of God’s gifts to them!

1 – Young Solomon was quivering with fear!

2 – His youth was problem, until...

3 – The Lord’s special offer: Ask!

4 – Solomon asked, then woke up!

5 – Some dreams are real!

6 – The problem with special offers: rare and expiration date.

7 – The Lord’s special offers: abundant and timeless.

CONCLUSION – The year ahead is unknown to us all. We may only guess at the challenges and obstacles we will face. Wouldn’t it be nice if the Lord told us to ask whatever we wanted? Actually, that and much more is what the Lord offers his children every day, year in and year out. Like Solomon, we too deal with people all around us. It takes not only wisdom to make the right decision, but also love, compassion, understanding. All these gifts are ours through the grace of our God. Let us resolve to serve God’s people – everyone around us – with joy and humility. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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); and 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.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SPECIAL MISSIONS – Our Special Missions project for the first quarter of the year 2021 is the Concordia Publishing House. It is an official agency of the Brasilia Evangelical Lutheran Church. Its mission is to foster doctrinal unity by publishing only books that went through *“doctrinal review”*. May the Lord bless our special gifts of gratitude.

BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY We are starting a new Bible Study on the book of Proverbs that meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9am and 7pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@hotmail.com with more information. Please indicate in your email if you are interested in the morning or evening class.

CHURCH INFORMATION

YOUTH GROUP-Save the date! Grades 6-12 will be meeting virtually on January 3, 17, and 31. Watch your email for Zoom links and details on the theme for each night. If you are in these grades, or if your child is, and you have not been receiving emails from Jaime Greene, please email her at jaimelynn581@gmail.com so we can add you to the list!

SCRIP We thank you for your support of our SCRIP program this past year! Even though we weren't able to sell cards in person for the majority of the year, with your support, we were able to sell \$27,000 worth of gift cards, giving us nearly \$1,000 in profit! If you would like to purchase SCRIP cards, you may do so by filling out one of the order forms, which can be found in the hallway by the bulletin boards, or by contacting Jaime Greene.

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK We are excited to introduce two new weekly segments on our YouTube channel (Blessed Savior Lutheran-New Berlin) and Facebook (@BlessedSaviorNBWI), in addition to our regularly posted material. If you haven't already followed or liked these pages, please do so! It's a great way to stay connected!

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, & SPECIAL MISSIONS SIGN-UP If you would like to sign up for flowers, bulletins, or special mission contact the church office by email blessedsavior.nb.lcms@gmail.com, or call 262-786-6465.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, January 25th. If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:
Arliss Judy Karen Adeline Carol Laverne

Special intercessions: we pray for all health care workers in America and the world, for all first responders, truck drivers and essential workers.

Altar Flowers are donated by Melissa Best in celebration of Addy's 10th birthday.

Jeff and Pat Hurlbut support special missions in thanksgiving for a new year with God's blessings.

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Christmas Eve Attendance: 133

Christmas Day Attendance: 42

Last Week's Attendance: 81

Last Week's Offerings: \$19,461.00

Needed Weekly: \$10,365.00