

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

**“THESE MARVELOUS PREPOSITIONS”**

Text: Ephesians 1:3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ for he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.”

INTRODUCTION – In this Epistle Paul teaches us that the God-world relationship is mediated by God’s Son Jesus Christ. Everything God does for us is because of Christ. He chose us in Christ. He loves us in Christ. He blesses us in Christ. He predestines us and adopts us through Christ. We have redemption through the blood of Christ.

1 – A little grammar is helpful.

2 – Word Endings in Greek.

3 – Prepositions in English.

4 – Paul’s exuberant display of knowledge.

5 – Useful information at the start of a new year.

6 – Solomon’s wisdom.

7 – Jesus’ example.

CONCLUSION – Since the Lord seems to be giving us a new year of grace, it is good to know that our relationship with him is solid. It is a father/son, or father/daughter relationship. His love is unending and his power unlimited. We do well in gathering in his temple to nourish our side of this relationship throughout the year ahead! 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); 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.

**WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION**

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be no Sunday School for 3K-8<sup>th</sup> grade on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you again on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Psalms. Bible Study will resume on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on Gifts, Chosen for You, beginning on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** at 7pm. Please contact DCE Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** will resume meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and will study the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus. Class meets in the Library.

**THURSDAY MORNING** at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of John.

**WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the church office for more information.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays in January at 8:30am to study the book of Ephesians.

**CHARITABLE INFORMATION**

**FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS:** We begin a new year of Special Missions, by support the publication of two devotion books. The first is "Recipes of Love" and is for families with school-aged children. The second is called "Get Up and Walk". It contains devotions for children that are sick- especially those undergoing extensive medical treatments. Both will be published in Portuguese, by Concordia Publishing House of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

**EPIPHANY CHORAL VESPERS SERVICE:** Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (1046 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee) is hosting their annual Choral Vespers service on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend!

**DECORATION TAKEDOWN:** As the Christmas and Epiphany season ends, it's time to take down our Christmas decorations until next year. We would love your help in packing everything away on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

**LAY READERS NEEDED:** As a Lay Reader, you would serve within the Worship Service by reading the Old Testament and Epistles lessons. Lessons are provided to you beforehand, and the schedule is flexible. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Church Office, or Carla Herried.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER:** The next quarter of Portals of Prayer (January-March 2022) are now available on the table near the front doors of church. Please take one for your personal devotions and take one to share with a friend or neighbor!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME:** After a brief hiatus during the month of December, in-person Confirmation Classes will resume on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**YOUNG AT HEART:** All members, ages 65 and older, are invited to a movie and pizza party on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** After 38 years in ministry, Pastor Sander is set to retire at the end of January. Please join us in celebrating his ministry, and as we say "see you soon" to him and Joan after the Thursday night Worship Service on January 27<sup>th</sup> and between services on January 30<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of gifts, Pastor has asked that we contribute to the Special Mission Offering. You may do so by giving a gift in the special envelopes marked "A Gift in Honor of Pastor Sander's Retirement", or by stopping by the church office.

**POINSETTIA PLANTS:** Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias for the Lord's Altar! If you would like to take your plant home, you may do so at your earliest convenience.

**ALTAR FLOWERS, BULLETINS, AND SPECIAL MISSIONS:** If you are interested in sponsoring Altar Flower, Bulletins, and/or Special Missions, please see the Bulletin Board for the 2022 sign-up sheet.

**SCRIP:** Thank you to everyone who purchased SCRIP gift cards throughout 2021! Because of you, we sold \$40,000 worth of cards and raised \$1,400 for education programs at Blessed Savior! This is an ongoing program for us, and you can continue to purchase gift cards at the table in the hallway, or by using the Order Form.

**BLESSED SAVIOR BITS:** Each Friday we send out an email that contains an easy way to access all our YouTube postings for the week. Starting this week, this email will also serve as a general update from Blessed Savior, with important updates and reminders. If you do not already receive this email and would like to, please contact the church office, and provide us with your email address.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Preschool will start open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Families with children ages two through preschool age are encouraged to check out the many programs we offer. Spots fill up quickly, so if you know anyone that is interested, please tell them to see Jennifer Leinss. Feel free to share this information with anyone you know looking for a Christian preschool for their family! Please see Jennifer Leinss or email at [jleinss82@gmail.com](mailto:jleinss82@gmail.com) with any questions.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:  
Adeline Judy Karen Karena Kay Laverne Nancy

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

**Altar Flowers** are sponsored by

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR January 2<sup>nd</sup>-January 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUN</b>	8:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Worship
<b>MON</b>	SCRIP Orders Due	
<b>TUES</b>	9:00am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
<b>WED</b>	9:00am	Quilters
	7:00pm	Bible Study
<b>THUR</b>	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Worship and Communion
<b>FRI</b>	6:00pm	Craft Night
<b>SAT</b>	8:30am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
<b>SUN</b>	8:00am	Worship and Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship and Communion
	11:30am	Decoration Takedown
	6:00pm	Youth Group

Attendance and Financials will be updated on the January 9<sup>th</sup> Insert.