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Luke 2:40–52

Weekly Prayers

From our membership: Michael and Mulu Afley, Bethany, Naomi & Aberon; Brad Aldworth (Tracy); Bradley Allemang; Ross Allemang; Catherine Allen.

Health concerns: Maria Ehrmann, Barb & Doug Huth, Dorothy Jacobs, Rev. Ron Mohr, Rev. Maximo, Rev. Geronimo, Judy Ellard, Jeanette Avery, and Jack Ellard.

Home Bound: Catherine Allen, Jeanette Avery, Blanche Barker, Nancy Biesel, Maria Ehrmann, Dorothy Jacobs, Esther Musselman, Pastor & Doreen Scholz, and Helen Wagner.

Mission: Rev. Van Ravy who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries in Cambodia.

Rev. Joel V. Kuhl, Pastor

Rev. Gerald Scholz, Pastor Emeritus

Vijay Samuel, Vicar

Rev. Robert Krestick, Pastor Emeritus

Kevin Lee, Music Director

Victoria Bateman, Admin. Assistant

Prelude: *Noel X* (L.C. Daquin)

LSB #372 O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

Opening Hymn

Confession and Absolution

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

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!

Glorify be 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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴The 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. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And 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. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Give 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?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And 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, ¹²behold, 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. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And 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.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

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 for adoption 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 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.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but 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, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents 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." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And 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.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Nicene Creed

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LSB #410 Within the Father's House

Hymn of the Day

Sermon

Offertory

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Offering

Commissioning of Team Zion

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy

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LSB #374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Hymn of distribution

LSB #393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn of distribution

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200-201

Collect, Benedicamus, Benediction

LSB 201-202

LSB #387 Joy to the World

Closing Hymn

Postlude: *Toccata in C* (J. Pachelbel) [T234 found in Vol. 1 of Bärenreiter, p. 28]