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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Jesus Is the Perfect Israel

Israel and all his family went and dwelt in Egypt (Gen. 46:1-7). God made a great nation of him there, but that nation would prove unfaithful to the Lord. Therefore, the New Israel came. In fleeing the murderous Herod, our young Lord goes to Egypt (Matt. 2:13-23), that the prophecy might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my Son” (Hos. 11:1). Jesus brings to perfection what old Israel could not. He is the faithful Israel, the embodiment of the people of God. He offers His perfect and holy life in place of our own. He submits Himself to persecution and suffering in order to save us. Therefore, we should not think it strange when we who are in Christ experience trials because of the faith (1 Pet. 4:12-19). Rather, we rejoice to share in Christ’s sufferings, knowing that we will also share in His glory.

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OPENING HYMN – #370 – What Child is This

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT – Ps. 8:1, 4-6; *antiphon*: Ps. 8:2

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength
because | of your foes,*

to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*

and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*

you have put all things under | his feet.

Glory 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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OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 46:1–7

¹So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.” ³Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

⁵Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, ⁷his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

GRADUAL

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the | nations,*
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory | in your praise.

You, O LORD, are our | Father,*
our Redeemer from of old | is your name.

EPISTLE – 1 Peter 4:12–19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice

insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And
"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"
¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

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HOLY GOSPEL – *Matthew 2:13-23*

¹³ When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."
¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."
¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:
¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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HYMN OF THE DAY – #386 – Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: *Lord, in Your mercy;* C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Shut-ins –
Elwood Kaminsky, Kathy Krahenbil & Kathy Shurvell
Also Eileen Wiens and others we know to be in need.

OFFERING

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or a sister church, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing. Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – #385 – From East to West

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CLOSING HYMN – #367 – Angels from the Realms of Glory

POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING SERVICES:

Epiphany of our Lord (Jan. 6th): 7pm (*Vespers*)
Baptism of our Lord (Jan. 11th): 11am (*Divine Service*)

PASTOR'S CLASS:

As of Lent 2026, beginning in the middle of February, Pastor will be offering a class on the Basics of the Christian Faith.

Starting:

Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm
and subsequent Wednesdays until Easter.

It will be a refresher for the regular, growth for the fringe, and an introductory for the new. The call here is to bring yourselves and someone with you. *Of course, there are no strings attached but the offer will be to re-affirm a baptised persons faith or be baptised, if they so desire, at the end of the course.*

BIBLE STUDY:

Church History (*and why it's relevant*) is back on at 10am Sundays.

PRIVATE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION:

This is offered on Saturday mornings 10am-11am at the Church.