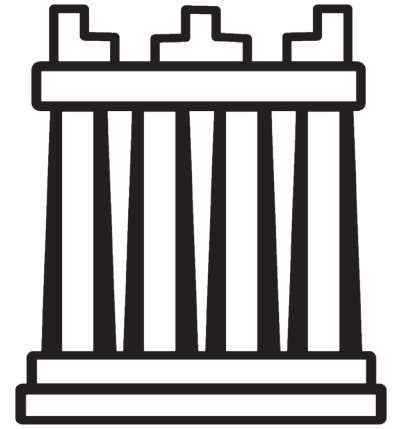


# Christmas 2

January 4, 2026

## Second Sunday after Christmas (Year A)

Wisdom is something that comes with experience and insight. It is a gift from the source of all wisdom, our Creator Lord, who gives us everything we need for the journey of faith. God gave the commandments to Moses to instill wisdom in Israel, he gave the humble king Solomon the gift so he might rule with justice and mercy, and Jesus exhibited amongst the religious leaders in the Temple at a young age.



### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

#### First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15

#### Solomon Asks for Wisdom

King David's youngest son assumed the throne of his father but when God urged him to ask for anything he wanted, his sole request was for an understanding of God's ways. From his early years, Solomon recognized his limitations, asking for nothing more than the guidance and wisdom of the Lord who crowned him king.

#### Psalms 119:97-104

#### Commandments Create Wisdom

The psalmist sang of his love for the law of the Lord. The commandments, he proclaimed, make him wiser than his enemies. God's word is sweet to the tongue; a lamp to illuminate the path of the righteous.

#### Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

#### Every Spiritual Blessing

St. Paul asserted that the people of God have been given every spiritual blessing - we lack nothing in the spirit department when we gather as the community of faith. Furthermore, we were chosen before time began, and we have the joy of being adopted as God's precious sons and daughter through the power of Christ.

#### Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:40-52

#### Twelve Year Old Jesus in the Temple

Jesus and his family were worshipping in the temple as part of their normal religious pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The family departed with their group but didn't realize that their 12 year old son was not with them. When they returned to retrieve him he questioned them saying, "Did you not know that I would be here in my Father's house?" Many were in awe of the wisdom and knowledge he possessed.

### Suggestions for the Day:

- \* The liturgical color is white.
- \* Use the Nicene Creed.
- \* Light the Christ candle.
- \* The Kyrie and Hymn of Praise may be used during Christmas.
- \* Use the Nicene Creed.
- \* Light all four candles on the Advent wreath as well as the Christ candle.
- \* As an alternative to the liturgy for Christmas 2, you can use the propers for the Day of Epiphany.
- \* It's a new calendar year! Take time to look back over the past year and evaluate your journey with Christ. Where did you learn more? Where did you struggle? What do you want to focus on in 2026?
- \* God's Word is the source and norm of our faith life. Wisdom comes from God. Dig into his Word!

### SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

| Hymn Titles:                        | LBW | WOV | LSB | ELW | REC | Sola |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Angels from the Realms of Glory     | 50  | --- | 367 | 275 | 126 | 126  |
| O Little Town of Bethlehem          | 41  | --- | 361 | 279 | 115 | 115  |
| Infant Holy, Infant Lowly           | 44  | --- | 393 | 276 | --- | ---  |
| Cold December Flies Away            | 53  | --- | --- | 299 | --- | ---  |
| Children of the Heavenly Father     | 474 | --- | 725 | 781 | 201 | 201  |
| What Child is This                  | 40  | --- | 370 | 296 | 113 | 113  |
| In His Temple Now Behold Him        | 184 | --- | 519 | 417 | --- | ---  |
| Your Little Ones. Dear Lord         | 52  | --- | --- | 286 | 112 | 112  |
| O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright | 76  | --- | 395 | 308 | 129 | 129  |
| Give Me Jesus                       | --- | 777 | --- | 770 | 214 | 214  |

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and \*\*\* means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

### CONTEMPORARY SONGS

#### Praise Song Titles:

Thy Word  
(CCLI # 14301)  
Oh How Joyfully  
(CCLI #1232405)  
There is a Redeemer  
(CCLI #11483)  
Be Magnified  
(CCLI #645914)  
In the Presence  
(CCLI #29688)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.