

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

*God keeps his promise of redemption.*

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### FIRST LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7

**The Lord promised Abram that his descendants would become a great nation whom God Almighty would love as his own sons and daughters.**

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless. I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will make your descendants very numerous."*

*Abram fell on his face. God spoke with him. He said, "As for me, this is my covenant with you. You will be the father of many nations. Your name will not be Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a large group of nations. I will make you extremely fruitful, and I will produce nations from you. Kings will come out of you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you as an everlasting covenant throughout their generations. I will be your God and the God of your descendants after you."*

## SECOND LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7

**Christ has freed us from slavery and made us God's children and heirs.**

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.*

### GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:68-75

**At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah sings a song praising the Lord. God's people, held captive by their enemies, would be redeemed and set free.**

*Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets. He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy covenant, the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies, so that we are able to serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNION:** Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

**HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK:** Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

**CALL MEETING:** A call meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, January 16**, immediately following the worship service. A call will be extended for a Gr. 1-2 teacher to replace Miss Sara Wentzel whose one-year assignment here will terminate at the end of the current school year. The call which we had extended to Ms. Anna Potter back in early December has been returned. All voting members are urged to participate!

**ORGANISTS!!** The **January** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. There are many dates still open. Thank you!

**ADULT & TEEN BIBLE CLASSES & SUNDAY SCHOOL** will begin again on **Sunday, January 9**, at **10:15 AM**. Classes conclude around 11:00 AM.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** The Annual Report will be printed in a few weeks. Please start working on your year-end reports and turn them in to the office by **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12!** Reports submitted after that date will **not** be included. Thank you!

**THE SCRIP PROGRAM** is back up and running for the new year. The next ordering deadline is **Thursday, January 6**. Remember! School families are able to earn tuition credits through our scrip program. If you have any questions about how this works, please contact our scrip coordinator, **Holly Daley**.

**2022 MOHW CONFERENCE:** The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the **Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center**, in **Oshkosh**, on **Saturday, February 19, 2022**. This year's theme is: *MORE THAN CONQUERORS*. Additional details and online registration are available at **www.menofhisword.org**. The registration fee is **\$50** for adults and **\$25** for youth. These rates increase to **\$60** and **\$30** respectively after January 30. Please consider joining them for a day of worship, praise, and fellowship in God's Word!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Helen Davidson and family in loving memory of Joe Davidson.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Christmas Eve: 198/149; Christmas Day: 118; Sunday (12/26): 73

**Offerings:** Christmas Eve: \$2,752.00; Christmas Day: \$6,236.26; Sunday: \$4,943.36  
(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$125.00; Church/Kitchen Refurbishment: \$1,000.00;  
Bat Removal/Clean-Up: \$250.00; St. Matthew's School: \$150.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Sue Keller: \$500.00 (*Kitchen Refurbishment*)

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM  
**NO** Adult Bible Class/Teen Bible Class/Sunday School

Mon. – Tues.: **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday: **SCHOOL RESUMES!!**

Thursday: Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM  
**SCRIP ORDERS DUE**

Sunday: Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM  
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:30 AM