

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

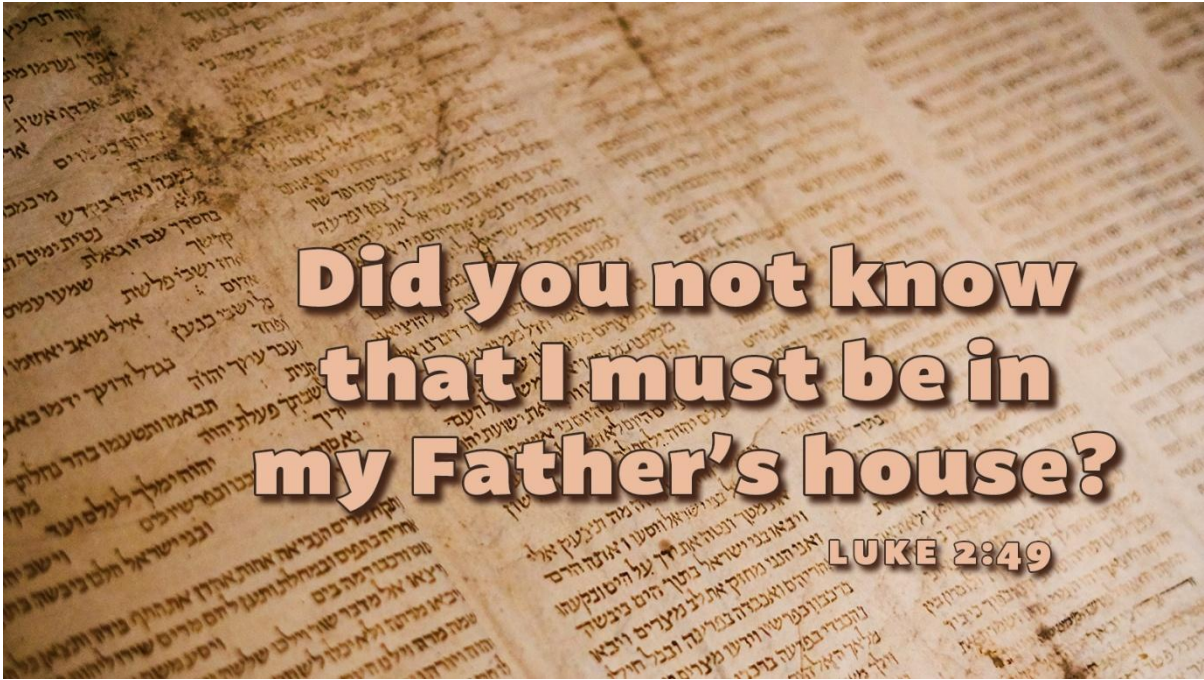
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself 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.

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰And the child 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.

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17



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The Order of Word and Sacrament
Second Sunday After Christmas January 4, 2026

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We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields

- **Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God*
- Postlude

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴And the 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.

Psalm 119:97-104

- ⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.
- ⁹⁸**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,**
and it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹I have more understanding than |all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.
- ¹⁰⁰**I am wiser than the elders,**
because I observe your commandments.
- ¹⁰¹I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
- ¹⁰²**I do not shrink from your judgments,**
because you yourself have taught me.
- ¹⁰³How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- ¹⁰⁴**Through your commandments I gain understanding;**
therefore I hate every lying way.

What's Happening

Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Marj Pontius in memory of her husband Don and son Troy. Thank you Marj.

This Week:

Monday		Committee Reports due for the Annual Report
Tuesday	6:00 pm	The Chosen, Season 4, Episode 1
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
	6:30 pm	Men’s Fellowship at Otium Brewing
Thursday	1:00 pm	The Chosen afternoon group begins
Saturday	7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast at FLC
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	10:00 am	worship with Pastor Blayne, Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Roast Beef Dinner, FLC Foundation Annual Meeting, and FLC Annual Meeting, followed by a brief meeting of the new Council
	1:30 pm	Worship and Holy Communion, HRH Residential Living



Psalm 119 is the Bible's longest psalm at 176 verses long. Each section celebrates God’s word with a title that starts with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and there are sections for each letter of that alphabet, so it is called an “alphabetic acrostic”. God's Word is the ultimate guide to life, purity, and joy, urging believers to meditate on it, hide it in their hearts, and live by its statutes even amidst affliction, revealing God's order and truth in a chaotic world. Its meaning centers on loving, seeking, and obeying God's revelation as the path to blessedness and wisdom, contrasting the world's fleeting pursuits with eternal divine truth. Read the whole psalm yourself! You will be blessed.

Notes and News

- Women’s Luncheon and study will begin Thursday, January 15, following the book “Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey” by William Chancellor Weedon. Please let Jan know if you plan to take part or just want a copy of the book for yourself so that she can order them. \$16 each.
- You’ll find forms in the narthex for donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile).
- FLC is delivering Meals on Wheels again next week.
- The Call Committee met last week to summarize the surveys.