

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



December 30, 2018
First Sunday after Christmas

Morning Praise
Christian Worship p. 45

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To Our Guests

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Monday

New Year's Eve service at 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Board of Elders @ 6:00 pm

MORNING HYMN: *Where Shepherd Lately Knelt* CW 54



FIRST LESSON: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home.

²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

PSALM

Psalm 111, CW p. 106

EPISTLE: Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and

asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

HYMN: *Peace Came to Earth* CWS 707

SERMON

Sermon text: Luke 2:41-52

Open Your Arms to Receive This God And Man – Your Savior!

PLEASE STAND

HYMN

Our Father, by Whose Name CW 501

CLOSING HYMN: *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice* CW 64

Sermon Copies Available

Sermon copies of are available on the table across from the mailboxes following the service this morning.

Thank You from Joyful Noise Preschool

The staff of Joyful Noise Preschool would like to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas gifts. They were greatly appreciated.

Ann Winkler, Lona Ehlers and Rachel Sternisha

Special Voters Meeting

A special voters meeting will be held on next Sunday, January 6 at 12 noon. Our Minnesota District 2nd Vice President will be here to present a list of candidates for the voters to consider for the purpose of calling a full-time pastor.

Church and School Cleaning Team for January

Leader: Tim Cords
Denning, Beck, Doty and Rust families

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 45
Attendance at Christmas Eve service: 35
Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: none

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