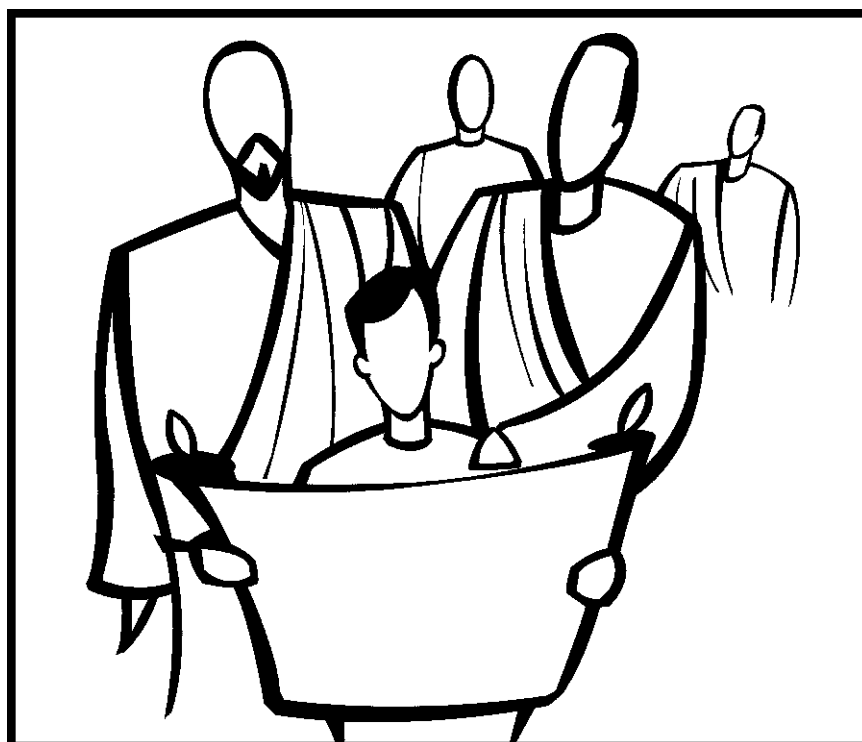


The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 2009—8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Hymn Sing and Prayer Request Service



...they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions; and all who heard him were amazed. Then he went to Nazareth and was obedient to his parents. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2)

United Lutheran Mission Statement

“United by the grace of God’s love, we come together to worship Him, to share His word with others and to reach out and care for those in need.”

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Please complete a "Record of Attendance" from the "Welcome Folder" found at the ends of each pew, and place in the offering plate or give to one of the ushers.

◆ Congregation Stands P = Pastor A = Assistant C = Congregation

Hymn Sing

Be prepared to raise your hand at the appropriate time, and have the congregation sing one of your favorite hymns from the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnal, pages 268-300, located in the pew racks.

Prayer Requests

You may use the blank slip of (gold) paper included in your bulletin this morning to express any special prayer concerns that you might have. Write out your prayer request and place it in the offering plate separated from your offering or worship registration, SO THE USHERS CAN SEE IT and they will be given to the pastor for inclusion in the prayers following the offering.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

◆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.
C **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

◆ **HYMN SING**

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband, Elkanah, come to the Lord's house to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children, and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12–17


Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

◆ **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

◆ **GOSPEL**

Luke 2:41–52

P The holy gospel according to the second chapter of St. Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started

to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search 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. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said

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to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

by Pastor Frank Kerkemeyer

HYMN SING

◆ THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

◆ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

◆ **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

◆ **HYMN SING**

DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders This Week			
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Worship Coordinators		George Hill Jo Hill	Justin Maas
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Lectors		Marie Sandell Cork Ramer	Theresa Webster Kent Steen
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Nursery Attendants		Emalea Dean	Emalea Dean
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<p>HELP THE KIDS</p> <p>ATTEND THE POTATO BAR FUND-RAISER</p> <p>JANUARY 31, AT NOON</p> <p>TAKE OWNERSHIP IN YOUR CONGREGATION</p> <p>ATTEND THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF UNITED</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE POTATO BAR LUNCH.</p>
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