



Samuel in the Temple

**FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS  
December 27, 2009**

**Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule  
in your hearts. Alleluia!**

**GREETINGS and WELCOME to  
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.**

VISITORS please sign the guest book.

**Come and worship with us again soon!**

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Heavenly Father, I have come to worship You. Draw near to me in Your gracious Word, and assure me of Your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear Your voice and sing Your praise. Amen

**HYMNS: 27 707 366 64**

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**Prayer of the Day—Spoken by all together,**

Almighty God, in mercy You sent Your one and only Son to take upon Himself our human nature. By His gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen

**First Lesson: I Samuel 2:18-20,26 (Page 421)**

The boy Samuel served in the temple of the Lord. This was his home and here was his work. The Lord was pleased with Samuel.

**Psalms of the Day: Psalm 111 (Page 106)**

We continue to sing praises to God for the marvelous work of redemption which He provided through His Son, our new-born Savior.

**I Can't Wait!**

Christmas has come and gone.

Only 363 days to Christmas and I can't wait! Is it difficult to wait and wait for that special day to arrive? Our culture makes waiting a challenge, doesn't it? After all, we don't normally have to do much waiting for the things we want. There is fast food, instant credit, movies on demand, microwave meals, music downloads, more check-out lines open for Christmas shoppers, and so much more to make it possible for us to get what you want when we want it. No waiting.

I can't imagine what it was like for the Old Testament believer who was waiting for Jesus. From the very first promise in the garden of Eden they were waiting. . .and waiting. . .and waiting for God to keep His promise and send the Savior all humanity needed. Adam and Eve were waiting and perhaps may have thought their first son was the Savior. Abraham waited until he was 100 years old before he saw the line of the Savior continue in the birth of his son. Moses waited 40 years in the wilderness as he told Israel about the Savior to come. The people of Israel waited as little by little God revealed more and more about His plan of salvation.

Finally, thousands of years after God's first promise, the waiting was over. God kept His promise. He sent the Savior we needed. For us there is no waiting. Our Savior is here. We have grace on demand, instant forgiveness, an always open line to God. All that is left to wait for is the celebration? - another year.

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Thanks to all for your donations of hats, scarves and mittens that were placed the **Mitten Tree. 92 children** will benefit from your thoughtfulness.

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18 (Page 1864)**

God demanded a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. Therefore Jesus became fully human. He became our brother, like us in every way, except without sin, that He might atone for our sins. In the face of temptation, we turn to Jesus Who overcame all temptations to sin.

**Gospel: Luke 2:41-52 (Page 1592)**

Even as a twelve year old boy Jesus was zealous for God's Word. He stayed in the temple, His Father's house, to learn even more. When His parents found Him, He obediently followed them home, thus keeping the fourth commandment perfectly for us. In all things, Jesus served as our perfect substitute.

**SERMON: Luke 2:41-52 (Page 1592)**

**What Child Is This!?**

- ✘ The Son Of God: A "Normal" Adolescent?!
- ✘ The Son Of God: A "Unique" Human Being..

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Meditation Theme for the week:**

**"He's My Flesh And Blood"**

Today's Offering Counters: B. Larson & A. Boyd

Today **No Bible Classes or Sunday School**  
10:00 Worship  
Ushers: V. Lorenzen and R. Wyman

Thurs 7:00 New Years Eve Service with Communion

**Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9**

**8:45 Sunday School**  
**8:55 Adult Sunday School**  
**8:55 Adult Bible Class**  
**10:00 Worship** Ushers: M. Hilliard & S. Melchert

**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: 81

Sunday School Attendance: 10 Adult Bible Class: 8

Offering: \$3013.00;

Christmas Eve: Attendance: 43; Offering: \$903.00

Christmas Day: Attendance: 24; Offering: \$675.00

Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$125,893; (Budget: \$130,815) short:-\$4,923

**Revelation** will be the topic for 9:30am Friday Bible Class, beginning January 15. Join us!

**Offering Envelopes for 2010** are available by the mailboxes this morning. If you make regular contributions by means of electronic transfer from an account, we still had adequate supply of sets to assign you one for all the special Services and contributions.

**The Wise Penny Thrift Store** is in need of volunteers to help with our annual winter cleaning. We are also installing new carpet and are in great need of helpers to move racks and shelving. Please contact the store at 763-682-4178 or Lanita Farstad at 612-310-5418 with your availability and numbers of volunteers.

We would encourage groups of youth with leaders and high school students working towards Honor Society requirements.

- Dates: Dec. 28th-will be moving shelves out of carpet area
- Dec. 30th-we will be putting shelves back
- Jan 2-we will be moving everything out of 1/2 of the lower level
- Jan. 5-we will be moving everything back in place

If you can help any time from Christmas until the 5th, please call. There is still donations to sort and other cleaning to be done.

Thank you, Wise Penny Board

**Treasurer is showing \$115,720 income** for the first 11 months of 2009. We need \$17,674 during the month of December to meet our budget of \$133,394.

**2010 Budget of \$130,579** has been pre-approved by the Elders and Council. You will note that it is almost \$3,000 less than what we are hoping for this year. Besides a number of cuts – including to West and Synod, whom are already far lower than recent years – there will be a freeze on paid worker remuneration. A number of members have expressed that their financial situation has deteriorated, so that they will be reducing their offerings. Will others of us make up the difference?!

With the Vision Task Force's call to stewardship of our time and talents as a congregation, we have not conducted the normal fall stewardship program during which we ask our people to prayerfully consider their regular offerings for the year ahead. Your consideration to this before we even start the new year would be appreciated. There is the probability that we will have a stewardship emphasis early next year.

**Church Christmas Decorations** will be taken down following our Service three weeks from today – January 10th. Your help would be much appreciated!

**Councilmen and Elders** – Please check weekly for information in your church mailboxes on the left and right ends, respectively.

**There is a new flower calendar for 2010** on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on a Sunday that is special to you, please sign your name by the date. Thank you!



*Brooklyn Evangelical  
Lutheran Church*

**Our Mission:**

*We exist to use the  
Gospel of Christ to  
win the lost and to  
nurture  
believers, all to the  
glory of God.*



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