

*All the ends
of the earth
have seen
the salvation
of our God.*

PSALM 98:3

The First Sunday of Christmas

The Son of God Shares Our Humanity

December 30, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

In the family of believers, it is our brother Jesus who changed the future for Abraham's descendants. To be about the Father's will meant sharing in our humanity and destroying the power of death.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless me, Father, as I gather with fellow believers in your house to grow in grace, faith, and love. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Ushers

Pastor Erich Westphal

Janice Budach

Andrew Boyd, Larry Gens

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HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory | **80**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Like Jesus, Samuel was dedicated to the Lord's service, willingly carry out the Father's things all the days of his life.

¹⁸But Samuel ministered before the LORD while he was still a young boy, dressed in a special vest made of linen. ¹⁹His mother would make a little robe for him and bring it to him whenever she came up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you offspring from this woman in place of the son she asked for, whom she loaned to the LORD." Then they would go back to their home.

²⁶The young man Samuel continued to grow, and he increased in favor with both the LORD and with men.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18

As our brother, Jesus carried out the Father's will and now claims us as members of his family.

¹⁰Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹²He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers.

Within the congregation I will sing your praise.

¹³And again:

I will trust in him.

And again:

Here I am and the children God has given me.

¹⁴Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the

Devil) ¹⁵and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Colossians 3:15a

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

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus always understood his purpose was to carry out the Father's plan of salvation by his willing obedience to the Father's will.

⁴¹Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, 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. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" ⁵⁰They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵¹He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Once in Royal David's City | 50

SERMON

"Saved By A Child" | **Hebrews 2:10-18**

SERMON NOTES

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?
2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?
3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?
4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.
If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

Please record your visit on the Connection Card.

HYMN

Saints, Behold! The Sight Is Glorious | 216

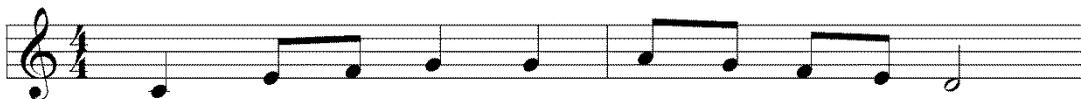
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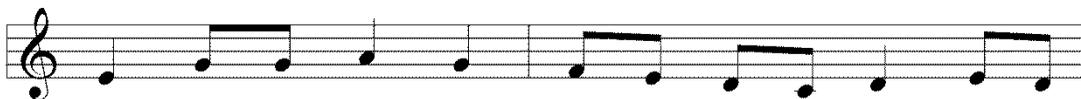
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Peace Came to Earth



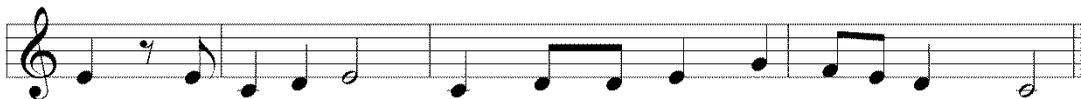
1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE worship service is tomorrow night at 5 pm.

ELDERS REMINDER please send in your year-end reports for the Annual Report as soon as possible. We would like to have them completed by January 6 so the congregation could have a copy to review before the 18th town meeting.

BENEVOLENT FUND Jesus urges us to “love our neighbor as ourselves.” To love as Christ has loved us, we will continue to have a special offering basket to help kick-start the benevolence fund for 2019 at every service through the end of the year. We have collected \$800 toward our goal of \$1000.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES have arrived! They are on the preschool table. Be sure to take yours home today.

MONEY COUNTERS needed for next year. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Information Center.

Calendar Week

Today

No Sunday School or Bible Study
Worship **10:00 am**
Fellowship **11:00 am**

Monday – New Year's Eve

Worship **5:00 pm**

Tuesday

No Bible Class

Wednesday

Choir **6:45 pm**

Sunday

Sunday School **9:00 am**
Bible Study **9:00 am**
Worship **10:00 am**
Fellowship **11:00 am**

Blessings From The Lord

Attendance

Sunday School – 5
Bible Study – 20
Sunday Service – 63
Christmas Eve (5 pm) - 25
Christmas Eve (10 pm) - 32
Christmas Day - 29

Tithes & Offerings **\$ 4,212.00**

Serving In The Lord

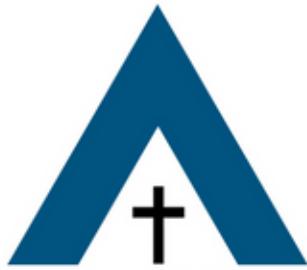
Ushers

Today: Andrew Boyd
Larry Gens
Next Sunday: Isaac Hill
Ryan Burmeister

Organist

Today: Janice Budach
New Year's Eve Janice Budach
Next Sunday: Beth Janisch

January Money Counters
Counters needed



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