

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Christmas 1

Today's Focus:

CHRISTMAS GROWTH "IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN"

OPENING HYMN 85 v1-3 (Red Hymnal)

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 (on back) In the Old Testament Lesson we see more than one sacrifice that had been made by Samuel's mother Hannah. Eli recognized Hannah's sacrifice to the Lord in giving back Samuel and prayed for God to bless her with more children.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 111 (selected verses)

The Psalmist rejoices in God's gracious providence which, in caring for His creatures, reveals His love and faithfulness. In particular he refers to God's providing redemption for His people; therefore those who are wise will follow Him.

L: Praise the LORD.

C: I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

L: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

C: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

L: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

C: They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

L: He provided redemption for his people;

C: He ordained his covenant forever-- holy and awesome is his name.

L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

C: All who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Hebrews 2:10-18 (on back) The Epistle to the Hebrews reminds us of the atonement Jesus made for all people as well as His continual help in overcoming temptations and growing in our faith and trust in Him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 712 (Worship Supplement)

What Child Is This

SERMON – NAS Luke 2:41-52 ⁴¹Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; ⁴³and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy

Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, ⁴⁴but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. ⁴⁶Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸When they saw Him, they were astonished;



and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

THEME: CHRISTMAS – TO BE CONTINUED...

1. Continued in the life of Jesus Christ
2. Continued in the life of a Christian

HYMN 713 (Worship Supplement)

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD - Sing 125 v. 1,2 (Red Hymnal)

The old year now hath passed away; We thank Thee, O our God, today
That Thou hast kept us through the year, When danger and distress were near.
We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Thy Christendom, Through all the ages yet to come.



SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 85 v13-15 (Red Hymnal)

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NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask us!

TODAY: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be continuing our reading/discussion of "Hard Sayings." NO Tuesday morning Bible class this week.

FOOD DRIVE nonperishable foods will be collected until Sunday 1/3 then donated to the CSA of Mt. View. Special Offering Envelopes for the CLC "Jubilee Thank Offering" are on the entryway table and are being used for the ILC Student Aid Fund and for anniversary materials. Please help yourself.

Call News: Pastor Andrew Schaller, Watertown SD, has received the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye MN. His call is also to Faith Lutheran, New Ulm MN.

Scripture Lessons next week: (Series C) Psalm: 147:12-20, Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3, Ephesians 1:3-6; 15-18, John 1:1-18

