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LUKE 2:52

Hope Lutheran Church

December 26, 2021

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First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "The Bells of Christmas"

LBW # 62

Call to Worship

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

P: I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

C: a voice that speaks for peace.

P: Peace for all people and for his friends

C: and those who turn to him in their hearts.

P: His help is near for those who fear him,

C: and his glory will live in our land.

P: Blessed is he who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Hymn of Praise "Away in a Manger"

LBW # 67

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

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.

The Lessons 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148 pg. 288

Colossians 3:12-17

Alleluia pg. 62

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Go Tell It on the Mountain" LBW # 70

Apostles' Creed pg. 65

Offering/Offertory

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning" LBW # 59

Friday, Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve; **Saturday, Jan. 1st:** New Year's Day

Sunday, January 2nd: Holy Communion Worship

**In Our Prayers: We remember Bruce Gerking, & Leta Steinkuhler.
Also Adam Helgren serving in Kuwait.**

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His 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. ²⁰ Then 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.

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

Psalm 148

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear 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. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let 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. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word

or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming 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. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When 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." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12; Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom 10:15-21; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:[1-9] 10-18.

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