

Readings for the First Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." 3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. 5 And he will be their peace.

Hebrews 2:10-18

10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death -- that is, the devil - - 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and

faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Luke 2:41-52

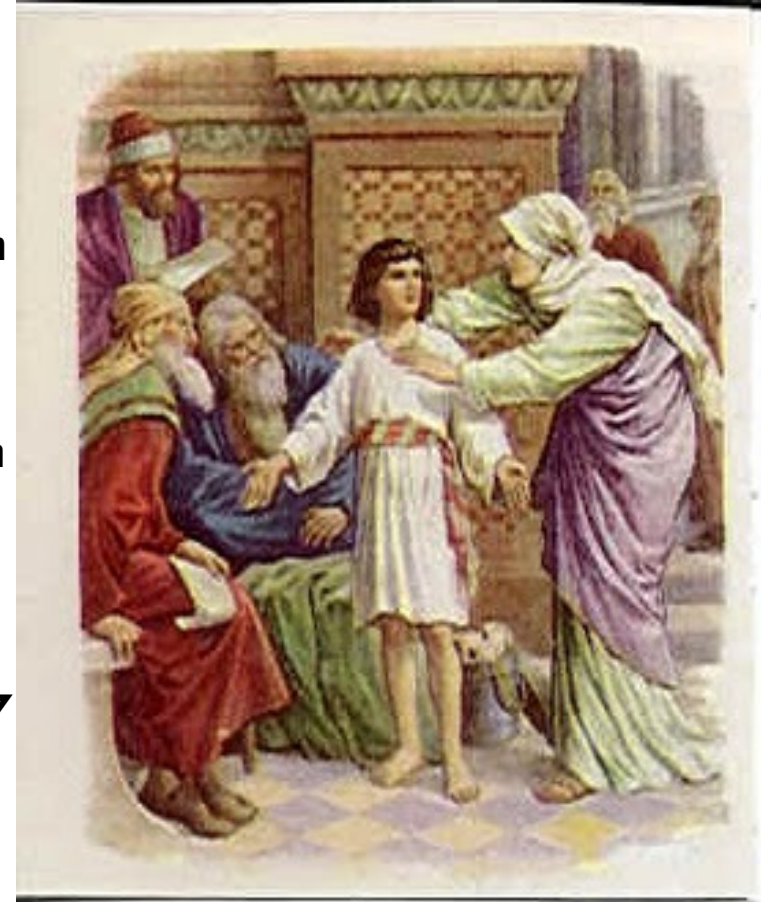
Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. 43 After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



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Luke 2:47





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Table with 2 columns: Item and Details. Includes Order of Service, Hymns, Psalm of the Day, First Lesson, Second Lesson, Gospel, Sermon Text, and Sermon Theme.

Welcome! May God's Word richly bless you today! If you have any questions about our service, please feel free to speak with the pastor. Please take a moment to sign our guest register near the north door.

THANK YOU!

We are very grateful to Pastor John Boeder, Campus Pastor at Martin Luther College for serving us with God's Word this morning (and on very short notice)! May God continue to richly bless his servant as he ministers to God's people.

UPDATE FROM GEORGIA

Bambi and I will remain in Georgia for the moment. My father is in short-term Hospice care; we patiently wait for the Lord to call my father home to heaven. We are grateful for the time the congregation is affording us. We miss all of you back in MN and look forward to coming home. Thank you for your prayers and support. We echo our father's brief prayer upon our arrival: "God bless the saints in Renville!" Once again, please take special note of this weeks calendar as some items have been cancelled. — Pastor Tuttle

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S



Sunday, December 27th

Worship.....10:00 AM
212 Teens for Christ.....6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 30th

RC Jail Ministry.....1:00 PM
Worship @ RenVilla.....1:40 PM
Worship @ GLCO.....2:30 PM

Sunday, January 3rd

Sunday School.....8:50 AM
Childrens Christmas Program.....10:00 AM
Choir Practice.....11:00 AM
Jesus Cares Bible Class.....6:30 PM

Our New Year's Eve Service has been cancelled. Please consider attending one of the following services:

- New Year's Eve: St. John's, Redwood Falls 7:00 PM
New Year's Eve: Zion, Olivia 7:00 PM
New Year's Day: St. Matthew's, Flora 8:30 AM
New Year's Day: St. Matthew's, Danube 10:30 AM

