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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The Sunday After Christmas
December 30, 2018

“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 1 (page 123 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 706 (Worship Supplement) *“Go Tell It On The Mountain”*

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

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

¹⁸ But Samuel ministered before the LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “The LORD give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the LORD.” Then they would go to their own home. ... ²⁶ And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – of Psalm 111

L: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

C: THE WORKS OF THE LORD ARE GREAT, STUDIED BY ALL WHO HAVE PLEASURE IN THEM.

L: His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

C: HE HAS MADE HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO BE REMEMBERED; THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND FULL OF COMPASSION.

L: He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

C: HE HAS DECLARED TO HIS PEOPLE THE POWER OF HIS WORKS, IN GIVING THEM THE HERITAGE OF THE NATIONS.

L: The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are sure.

C: THEY STAND FAST FOREVER AND EVER, AND ARE DONE IN TRUTH AND UPRIGHTNESS.

L: He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name.

C: THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM; A GOOD UNDERSTANDING HAVE ALL THOSE WHO DO HIS COMMANDMENTS. HIS PRAISE ENDURES FOREVER.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:10-18 *rise*

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

¹² saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."
¹³ And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."
¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

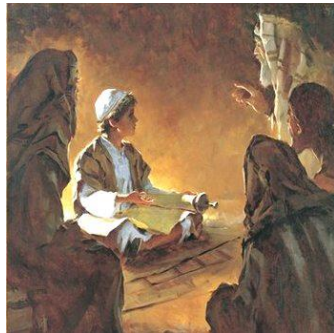
The Apostles' Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 709 (Worship Supplement) "*God Loves Me Dearly*"

SERMON: Luke 2:41-52

SEE IN JESUS GOD'S SON AND YOUR SAVIOR

⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*, ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 92 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 85:1-3, 13-15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*From Heaven Above To Earth I Come*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Tyler Louderman. In our Bible Study we're on Revelation 9:16ff.

TUESDAY: New Year's Day service: 10:00 AM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE:

3:00 PM, BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday our offering was \$1,170.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00), and our attendance was 40. On

Christmas Eve our offering was \$1,521.00, and our attendance was 25. Our current General Fund balance is \$288.00. Currently all of our bills are paid and up to date.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday, January 13: Council meeting

Sunday, January 27: Voters meeting

CLC NEWS: Pastor Edward Starkey of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, has accepted the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace With God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI.

CLC KINSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: "We praise the Lord that all of the *Direct* sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a

waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future. *Group* Sponsorships are still available, in which you, an individual, can contribute to larger pools of support for various groups overseas, such as The Children in Need in Togo and the two schools in Kenya. You can also always donate to the KINSHIP General Fund which is used to support those three groups, the medical needs of orphans, and widows of former pastors. If you are interested in contributing to a Group Sponsorship or the General Fund and have any questions, please contact us at kinship@clclutheran.com."