



Jesus increased in wisdom and in years

LUKE 2:52

Edinburg Lutheran Parish
St. Jacob's & Zion Congregations

December 29, 2024

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Remembering those who have requested prayer: Tim Harlow,

Sophia Gibb, Linda Kosek, Dana LaFever, **Continued**

Prayer...Wanda Ballenger, Pastor Bill Ballance, Steve Baker, Skip

Barton, Pastor Jim & Peggy Baseler, Nancy Bauserman, Tara

Bowers, Steve & Linda Campbell, Leannah Comer, Lori Dau,

Burgess Dellinger, Roe Dias, Karen Doane, Ronnie Dodson, Judy

& Kevin Dysart, Ford Dysart, Carla Eickenhorst, Virginia Estep, Shelby Eye,

Landon & Mary Fadely, Diane Funkhouser, Ronnie Funkhouser, Kim George,

Denise Glick, Peggy Graff, Elena Green, Podge Green, Belle Hamman,

Martha Harlow, Rebecca Harlow, Betty Helsley, Susan Holsinger, Alan & Pat

Hoyle, Rob Lanham, Jerri Lippert, Wade Ludwig, Toby Markley, Keith

Manich, Ron Moomaw, Jerry Newland, Anna Nilsen, Ray Orndorff, Bob &

Jane Perry, Tom & Linda Perry, Karen Polk, Judy & Jerry Polk, Larry Polk,

Shalyn Polk, Danny Richcreek, Dennis Rigby, Julia Ritter, Steve Ritenour,

Laurie Robinson, Linda Ryman, Wayne Shaffer, Jillian Shirkey, Edward Sine,

Larry Smoot, Jeffrey Taylor, Mark Viola, Doris Weaver, Gary Wilkins, John

Wymer, and Christine Zuniga.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Next Sunday: January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas

8:30 Worship – Service of the Word at Zion – Hymnbook Sunday

9:45 Adult Sunday School meets at both churches.

11:00 Worship will be a Service of Holy Communion at St. Jacob's

Call-in worship is always offered at the 11:00 service.

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DID YOU KNOW ?

The eighth commandment is: You shall not bear false witness

A LITTLE HUMOR

What did God say after He created Adam? "I can do better than that." And so, He created woman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: today and at St. Jacob's the previous weeks our flowers were given by Burgess Dellinger to the glory of God and in memory of the Russel and Daisy Dellinger family.

Today we welcome our special guest, Kathy Rivers, the Executive Director of Weekday Religious Education, who will share the latest news about giving the children in our school system the opportunity to learn more about the Bible. We will also be dedicating our new white altar clothes given by the memorial for Doug Heishman, along with Bibles, a processional cross and podium received from St. Mark's. You are also invited to stay with us for soup, sandwiches & desserts!

Spring Forward will resume on January 7.

Wednesday in the Word, our weekly Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

St. Jacob's Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, January 5 and one of the items of discussion is whether we are interested in selling another portion of the Helsley property for development. We also look forward to installing our 2025 Council.

Zion Council will meet at 5:30 on Monday, January 6.

Position Opening at St. Paul Lutheran – Strasburg – Pastor Chris Flohr writes....our long time church secretary Carol Smith is retiring at the end of this month. We have a job opening for our Church Secretary position 20-30 hours per week, days of the week negotiable. Contact Church Council President Debbie Winkfield 540-325-9025 or debwink54@gmail.com

Did you know? January 4 is National Braille Day - Braille is a code that enables the blind to read with their fingertips using a system of six raised dots. It was created in 1824 by a French boy named Louis Braille who was born on January 4, 1809. Today, Braille is used all over the world in many languages and has been a way of spreading the Gospel as well. Remember the blind in your prayers this week.

Luke's Backpack "Foodraiser" - As the days have gotten "chili" and you are "stewing" about the "souper" bowl, consider donating cans of chili, beef stew or soup to help replenish our shelves. Please leave your donations on the front pew at either church from now until February 9. Be assured that each and every can/box/pouch helps every bag that goes home to feed our students. Thank you for supporting this outreach!



**First
Sunday of
Christmas
December 29,
2024
11 AM**

Welcome –

Welcome to our 5th Sunday Parish service. Today's pictures are from our Christmas Eve services.

Dedications - This morning we are blessed to dedicate a set of new white chancel paraments for Zion, a white pall for cremated remains. We also rededicate Bibles and a lectern from St. Mark's Lutheran which closed on November 24th. The Processional Cross from St. Mark's is being dedicated for the use of our Central Valley Conference.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We**

have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



A moment for reflection.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to You the entire forgiveness of all Your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 296 *What Child Is This?*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Hymn of Praise ELW 270 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born king!”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

God's Word



Today's Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by.
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

The Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd
Chapter.... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading of the Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

WRE Executive Director Kathy Rivers & Pastor Katie



Hymn of the Day ELW 416 *In His Temple Now Behold Him*



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
 4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
 hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
 weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
 love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
 ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
 by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.



Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, You bring forth food from the earth and nourish Your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know Your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Based on Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and
uphold me with your free spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Tune: Angels We Have Heard On High)

Gloria! Gloria!

In excelsis deo! Gloria! Gloria!

In excelsis deo!



Words of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.



Partaking of Communion

*In the sanctuary, we will commune at the altar railing.
Those at home are invited to commune at the
beginning, as the Pastor invites them.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your
salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your
grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be
your holy people, revealing your glory made known to
us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Go In Peace *Tune: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Lord, let Your servant go in peace.

Your word has been fulfilled.

My eyes have seen the saving work

Which for the world You willed:

The glory of Your chosen race;

As light for all revealed,

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 290 *Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

Sending

Go in peace with the joy of Christ in your heart!
Thanks be to God.



Psalm, continued

¹³Let them praise the name
of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor
is over ¹ earth and heaven.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear 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. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming 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. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard

¹⁴The LORD has raised up
strength for the people
and praise for all ¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near the LORD.
¹ Hallelujah!

Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When 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." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

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

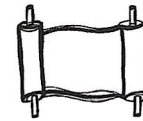
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Today's Readings

First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

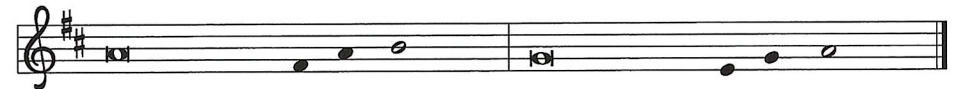
Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay

you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

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

Psalm

Psalm 148; tone 1



Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
praise God ¹ in the heights.
²Praise the LORD, ¹ all you angels;
sing praise,
all you ¹ hosts of heaven.
³Praise the LORD, ¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹ shining stars.
⁴Praise the LORD,
heav- ¹ en of heavens,
and you waters
a- ¹ bove the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name
¹ of the LORD,
who commanded,
and they ¹ were created,
⁶who made them stand fast
forev- ¹ er and ever,

giving them a law
that shall not ¹ pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind,
do- ¹ ing God's will;
⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things
and ¹ flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth
¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers
¹ of the world;
¹²young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together.

continued

Scripture Readings for January

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Wednesday - Luke 2:15-21
Thursday - Proverbs 1:1-7
Friday - Psalm 72
Saturday - Isaiah 6:1-5
Sunday - Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20,
Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18

January 6 - 12

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Tuesday - Ephesians 4:4:17--5:1
Wednesday - Ephesians 5:15-20
Thursday - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Friday - Psalm 29
Saturday - Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Sunday - Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29,
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 13 -19

Monday - Psalm 106:1-12
Tuesday - 1 John 5:13-21
Wednesday - Numbers 27:1-11
Thursday - Psalm 36:5-10
Friday - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Saturday - Matthew 16:13-19
Sunday - Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10,
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 20 - 26

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