

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

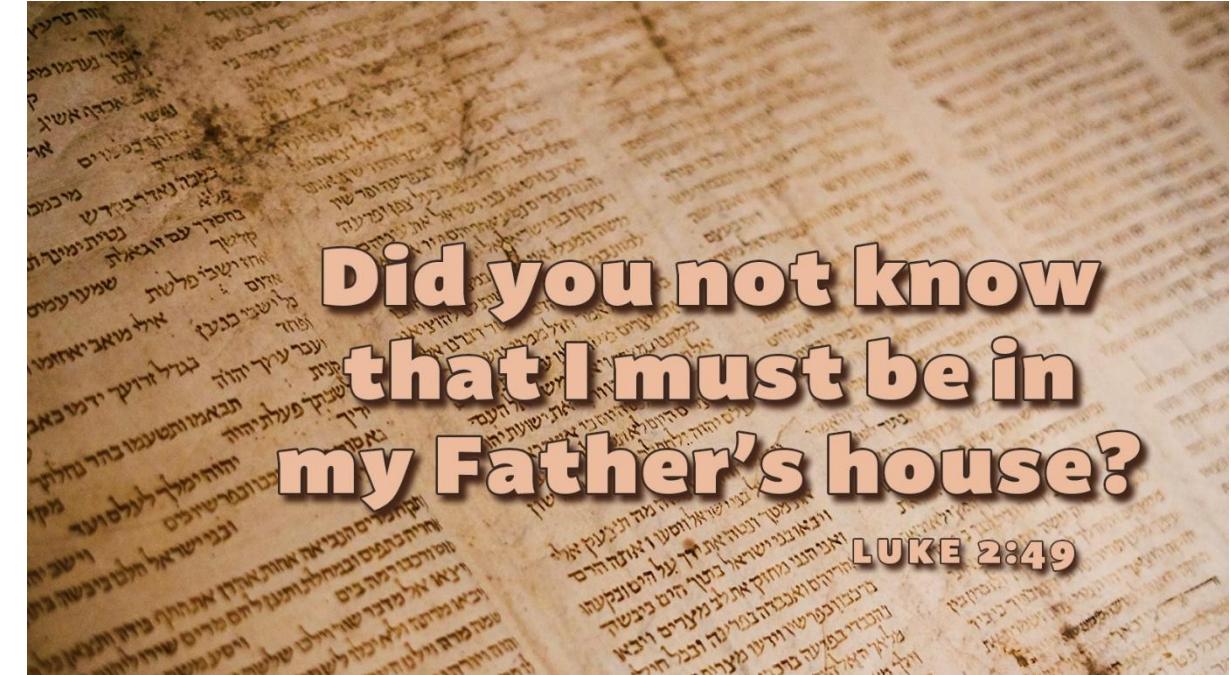
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

### Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 3:13-17



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## What's Happening

### Today:

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Marj Pontius in memory of her husband Don and son Troy. Thank you Marj.

### This Week:

Monday		Committee Reports due for the Annual Report
Tuesday	6:00 pm	The Chosen, Season 4, Episode 1
Wednesday	8:30 am	Quilters
	10:00 am	Coffee
Thursday	6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewing
	1:00 pm	The Chosen afternoon group begins
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at FLC
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	10:00 am	worship with Pastor Blayne, Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Roast Beef Dinner, FLC Foundation Annual Meeting, and FLC Annual Meeting, followed by a brief meeting of the new Council
	1:30 pm	Worship and Holy Communion, HRH Residential Living



Psalm 119 is the Bible's longest psalm at 176 verses long. Each section celebrates God's word with a title that starts with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and there are sections for each letter of that alphabet, so it is called an "alphabetic acrostic". God's Word is the ultimate guide to life, purity, and joy, urging believers to meditate on it, hide it in their hearts, and live by its statutes even amidst affliction, revealing God's order and truth in a chaotic world. Its meaning centers on loving, seeking, and obeying God's revelation as the path to blessedness and wisdom, contrasting the world's fleeting pursuits with eternal divine truth. Read the whole psalm yourself! You will be blessed.

## Notes and News

- Women's Luncheon and study will begin Thursday, January 15, following the book "Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey" by William Chancellor Weedon. Please let Jan know if you plan to take part or just want a copy of the book for yourself so that she can order them. \$16 each.
- You'll find forms in the narthex for donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile).
- FLC is delivering Meals on Wheels again next week.
- The Call Committee met last week to summarize the surveys.