

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
310 West Main Street
Saxonburg, PA
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Sunday, December 27, 2015

First Sunday of Christmas

ELW Setting Three

PRELUDE *Born In Me – arr. John Cumberland*

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice;
but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Leader: God gives the special gift of life eternal, the Bethlehem Babe; born, crucified, and risen for us all.

People: O come, O come Emmanuel, free all peoples from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and given them victory o'er the grave.

Leader: Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

People: God gives gifts of the Spirit to build faith and character for living life with hope, peace, joy and love.

Leader: Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

People: God gives me to you and you to me; we are each other's gift of love for Christ.

Leader: With every act of love, God brings the kingdom come.

People: Let us bring the kingdom come, His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

People: Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Leader: (sing) O come let us adore Him,
People: (sing) O come let us adore Him,

All: (sing) O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

CAROL

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

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

L: A reading from chapter two of First Samuel.

¹⁸Samuel 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

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

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

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SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

L: A reading from chapter three of Colossians.

¹²As 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 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

L: The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴¹Now 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 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.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Gesu Bambino – Pietro Alessandro Yon, 1917*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

BLESSING

L: 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.
In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CAROL

POSTLUDE *Brightest and Best* – arr. Mark Hayes

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK – *Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John I: [1-9] 10-18*

WELCOME!

*Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.
Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and
place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.
Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an
appointment.*

Attendance on Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:15	43	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
9:30	12	310 West Main Street
10:45	62	Saxonburg, PA 16056 724-352-2333
Nursery	0	stlukechurch@consolidated.net
<u>Kings Kids</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total	117	
Sunday School	51	

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Austin Heade and Kenneth Miller	Darrah Lynch and Evan Weston
CHILD. SERMON		Rose Martin
ALTAR GUILD		
GREETERS	Al Kobert and Audrey Lott	Susan Beatty and Doris Herceg
LECTOR/ASST. MIN		Jennifer Keller
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