

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
December 30, 2018

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
 Announcements
 Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal
 Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

Opening Hymn....."Angels, from the Realms of Glory".....#131
 Liturgical Reading....."For Unto Us A Child Is Born".....#142
 Hymn Response....."Away in a Manger".....#158
 Prayer of the DayBulletin
 Passing of the Peace

Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First and Second Scripture Readings
 Special Music "Christmas Medley" Trinity/Romsdal Choir
 The Gospel.Luke 2:41-52
 The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
 The Sermon: Pastor Chuck Stanga

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."Go, Tell It on the Mountain".....#138
 Offertory Hymn:....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620
 Apostles' CreedInside cover of hymnal
 The Lord's Prayer
 Closing Hymn....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing".....#133
 Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Dec 30th thru Jan 6th

Today: 10:00 a.m. Worship at Romsdal
 Tues: Happy New Year!
 Wed: 7:00 p.m. Lands Council meets
 8:00 p.m. Parish Council at Trinity
 Sun: Jan 6th Holy Communion
 9:00 a.m. Worship at Romsdal
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal
 10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands

Thanks to Pastor Stanga for leading us in our Worship today.

Those at Lands who purchased a poinsettia, please feel free to stop by the church and take it home with you.

*May you have enough happiness to
 keep you happy.
 Enough trials to keep you strong.
 Enough sorrow to keep you human.
 Enough hope to keep you thoughtful.
 Enough failure to keep you humble.
 Enough success to keep you eager.
 Enough friends to give you comfort.
 Enough faith and courage in yourself
 to banish depression.
 Enough wealth to meet your
 daily needs.
 Enough determination to make each
 day a better day than yesterday.*

-Anonymous

Today's Readings

Dec 30, 2018
1st Sunday of Christmas

Prayer of the Day

Dear Father, Thank You for this life You've given us. Help us to live this new year for You, enjoying Your blessings and fulfilling Your purposes. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
 (Our Daily Bread)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

18 But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. **19** Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. **20** Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord." Then they would go home.

26 And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. **13** Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. **14** And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41-52

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. **42** When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. **43** After the festival 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 man.



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