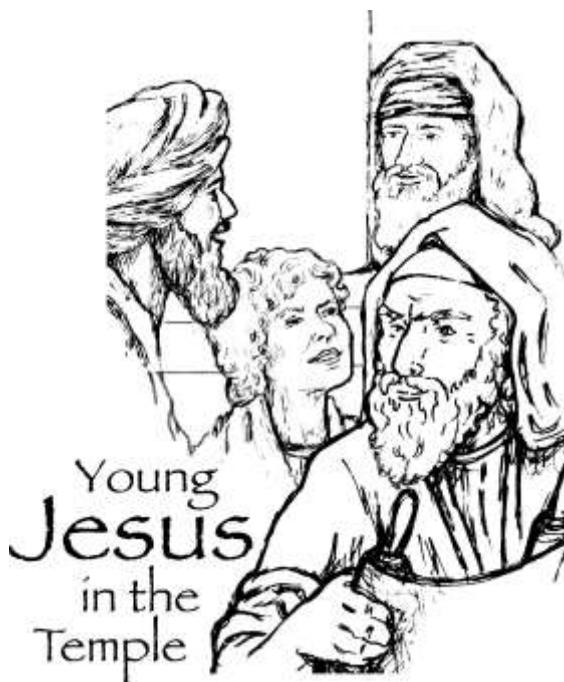


THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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Worship Focus
Jesus Came to Serve



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OPENING HYMN

226 – To Your Temple I Draw Near



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
I through Christ be - come your child.
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
God of love, to mine at - tend.
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
That my joy - ful soul may bless
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
In your courts to seek your face.
Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

INVOCATION AND PRAYER



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.

JESUS
CHRIST
Is Born



PRAYER AND PRAISE

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Venite



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

The life of Samuel foreshadowed that of Jesus in the life dedicated to service to God, beginning with a childhood spent in the Tabernacle.

¹SAMUEL 2:18 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 men.



1 Samuel 2:26, NIV

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus became our brother to dedicate his life as a high priest in service to God.

HEBREWS 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises.”

¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says, “Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

Jesus reveals his mission of service to his Father as the 12- year-old in the temple.

LUKE 2:41 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast 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 men.

HYMN OF THE DAY

41 - Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
 2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
 4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
 5 He serves that I a lord may be - A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
 flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
 change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son,
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
 maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
 help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
 Of paradise today,
 The angel guards the gate no more;
 To God our thanks we pay,
 To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.



All who heard him
 were amazed...

Table 2.47, NKSV

SERMON

Luke 2:41-52

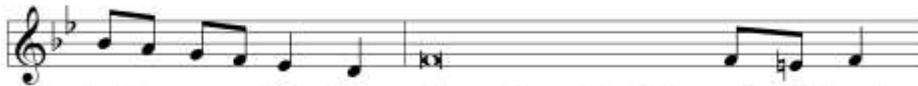
Jesus' First Words are Worth Remembering

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Father in heaven, Your Son is the firstborn among many brothers. Open our eyes to see Your salvation for all the world. Stir our hearts by Your Spirit to support the mission of Your Church. As we share Your love and truth, encourage sons and daughters to consider Your call to serve as called servants in Your Church and to give sacrificially to provide for the work of proclaiming Christ to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, our lives are in Your hands. Preserve the lives of little children — protecting them in the womb, at birth and as they grow. Guide their parents to provide for them in all things, but especially in bringing them to Baptism and nurturing them in faith. Bind us to You in every stage of earthly life, and as You kept Simeon and Anna in faith, give to all Your people true faith until this life's end when You take us to be with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as Your baptized children, holy and beloved, clothe us in Christ's righteousness, putting on His compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and, above all, love, that His peace might rule in our hearts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our King, You rule the nations of the world, giving government to oppose injustice and oppression. Give wisdom and truth to all who rule this land, that they may serve faithfully to promote all that is good and right and prevent and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are unjust and contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Precious Lord, Your mercies are new each day. Show forth Your mercy to those who are in great distress of body or soul [*especially...*]. Grant healing, relief from pain and a peaceful spirit to these, Your children, in accord with Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

343 – Christ Is the World's Light



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
Who else u - nites us, one with God the
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
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Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.



CLOSING HYMN

64 – Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



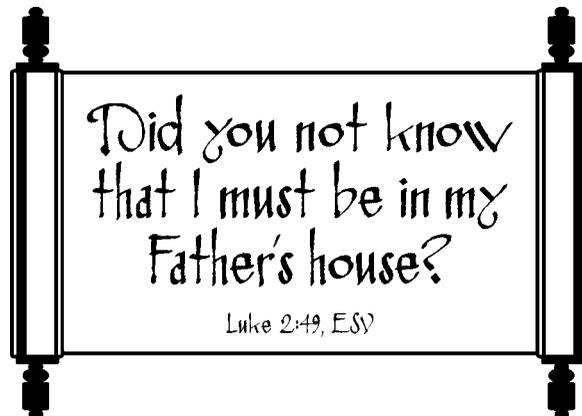
1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the
2 To this vale of tears he comes, Here to
3 We are rich, for he was poor; Is not
4 O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us

God of heav - en, Who, to bid our
serve in sad - ness, That with him in
this a won - der? There - fore praise God
and be near us. Grant us now a

hearts re - joice, His own Son has giv - en.
heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

TEXT: *Ander Theil Des Drossdenischen GesangBuchs*, Dresden, 1632; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
TUNE: LASST UNS ALLE (76 76 Trochaic) *Ander Theil Des Drossdenischen GesangBuchs*, Dresden, 1632, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.





*J*esus grew in wisdom
and stature, and in favor
with God and man.

LUKE 2:52, NIV



Happy
NEW YEAR!

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11