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M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Almighty God, in mercy You sent Your one and only Son to take upon Himself our human nature. By His gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of His glory.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

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M: Bless we the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

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



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord | 91, v. 1, 2, 4

Following the chimes, you may be seated.

December 27/30, 2018—1st Sun. after Christmas

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! We gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith, bringing us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

TODAY'S FOCUS

In the family of believers, it is our brother Jesus who changed the future for Abraham's descendants. Jesus, as a twelve-year-old boy, already understood that His purpose was to be in His Father's house, taking care of His Father's business. In so doing, Jesus is the ultimate Samuel, a gift to His earthly parents, but also dedicated to the Lord's work. For Jesus to take care of His Father's business meant sharing in our humanity and destroying the power of death through His perfect obedience in our place.

SERVICE NOTES

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. The Order of Matins is found on p. 32ff in the front of the red hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Paul Koch (Sun.)
Ushers (Sunday)	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Paul Kirchner, Rick Schnese
Altar Guild	Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

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You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Within the Father's House | 133

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Luke 2:41-52

Jesus Had to Be There

1. In His heavenly Father's house.
2. In His earthly father's house.

THE OFFERING

THE MAGNIFICAT

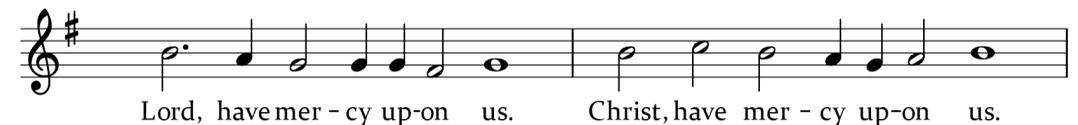
My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord | 275

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE KYRIE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C: 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.

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 2:10-18

Jesus saves through obedient suffering

¹⁰ Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says:

I will declare your name to my brothers.

Within the congregation I will sing your praise.

¹³ And again:

I will trust in him.

And again:

Here I am and the children God has given me.

¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) ¹⁵ and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷ For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus, at age twelve, is already about His Father's business

⁴¹ Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³ When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching 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 And all who heard him were 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 this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" ⁵⁰ They did not understand what he was telling them.

⁵¹ He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!



THE ORDER OF MATINS

Please stand for the hymn.

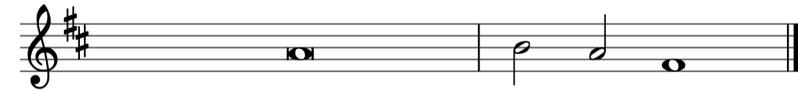
HYMN

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night | 109

VERSICLES

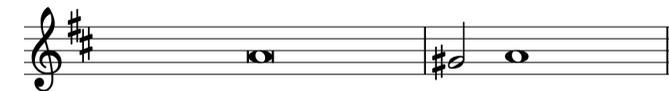
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M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



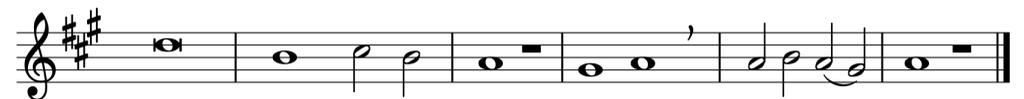
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world without end. A-men. Halle-lu - jah!

THE INVITATORY & THE VENITE

"O Come, Let Us Sing", p. 33-34

M: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



C: For He is our Mak - er.

1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
 let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal - va - tion.

2. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:
 and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King a - bove all
 gods. 4. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
 the strength of the hills is His al - so.

5. The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands form-ed
 the dry land. 6. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
 let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er. 7. For He is our

God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His
 hand. Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the
 Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men.

You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111 (selected verses)

- M:** The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- C:** **His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.**
- M:** He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
- C:** **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**
- M:** He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever:
- C:** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.**
- ALL:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26 *Samuel increased in favor with the LORD and with men.*

¹⁸ But Samuel ministered before the LORD while he was still a young boy, dressed in a special vest made of linen. ¹⁹ His mother would make a little robe for him and bring it to him whenever she came up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD give you offspring from this woman in place of the son she asked for, whom she loaned to the LORD." Then they would go back to their home... ²⁶ The young man Samuel continued to grow, and he increased in favor with both the LORD and with men.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!