

mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

<sup>49</sup> “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Sermon Hymn:** 41 Let All Together Praise Our God

**Sermon:** Learn Well the Lessons from the 12-year-old Jesus.

1. He is faithful for us;
2. He gives us purpose and pattern for our lives in the year(s) ahead.

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**3rd Hymn:** 53 To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 343 Christ Is the World’s Light

**Ushers:** This Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger  
New Year’s Eve – Please Volunteer to Help  
Next Week – Dan Stern & Brady Broedlow

**Greeters:** This Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer  
New Year’s Eve – Please Volunteer to Help  
Next Week – Kevin & Holly Broedlow

### **Lutheran Vanguard Marching Band**

Lutheran Vanguard marching band's PREVIEW will be held January 5 from noon-5:00 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. Vanguard is still recruiting for wind instruments, all percussion (including keyboards), and color guard dancers. Please join us for PREVIEW to see what joys are in store! For more info visit [www.lutheranvanguard.org](http://www.lutheranvanguard.org) or email [LVWmarchingband@gmail.com](mailto:LVWmarchingband@gmail.com).

## ***St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church***

First Sunday after Christmas - December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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*Guest Preacher: Doug Bode*

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# We Welcome You!

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**Opening Hymn:** 226 To Your Temple I Draw Near

## **Prayer of the Day:**

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson - 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

*The similarities between the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus are striking: a gracious gift to his mother, the boy Samuel was dedicated to the Lord's service, ministering in the Tabernacle. By grace he would grow "in favor with God and men." By grace he would willingly carry out the "Father's things/business" all the days of his life.*

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 111, p. 106**

**Second Lesson - Hebrews 2:10-18**

*With the words of John 1 still ringing in our ears, the writer to the Hebrews lays out the loving purpose of God in Christ Jesus. It is fitting that the Author of Salvation should make his One and Only Son like those he came to save. As our brother, he knows our weaknesses and temptations. Yet, in service to God, he carried out the Father's will. Having overcome death and made atonement for our sins, he now claims us as members of his family.*

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> 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— <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.* (Colossians 3:15a)

**Gospel - Luke 2:41-52**

*With an emphasis on the two natures of Christ, these words from Luke reveal Jesus' growth "in favor with God and men." Yet, very clearly, Jesus always understood his purpose was to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. Though he willingly he obeyed Mary and Joseph, more striking is his willing obedience to the Father's will.*

<sup>41</sup> Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His