

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Helen Township, Minnesota

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2010

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WELCOME: *"The poor will see and be glad- you who seek God, may your hearts live!"* (Psalm 69: 32) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

Theme: Celebrate the gift of God's grace.

Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship: We come to the manger and find the Word made flesh for us- God's grace brightly shining. Yet, we don't always take the time to get to know our God and Savior. Pray that Jesus fill your heart with a greater desire to know him in the year ahead.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Order of Worship: The Common Service (p. 15)

OPENING HYMN: 275 "Blest Be the God of Israel"

Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-9 (P. Bible p. 1802)

Jesus is the radiance of God's glory. The baby in the manger is the almighty Son. He left his majesty above and came to earth to provide purification for sins- God's grace in action.

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible p. 1450)

Matthew's account of Christ's birth clearly states that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and that his birth was fulfillment of a prophecy recorded by Isaiah.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 63 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SERMON: 1 Samuel 16:6-13 (Pew Bible p. 427)
"What Spectacular View Do I Get In David's Town?"

1. Signs pointing ahead to Christ
2. Signs pointing to Christ today

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

DIST. HYMNS: 47 "Behold, a Branch Is Growing"
37 "Once Again My Heart Rejoices"

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 49 "Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"
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Organist: Barb Vathauer

A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

At worship, Sunday, December 19th : 94
Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 19

THE LORD'S SUPPER: *We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. All those planning to partake, please review the information about the Lord's Supper printed on the laminated sheet in the hymnal racks or pews in the balcony.*

OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS *are on the table in the meeting room. Please take your packet if you have not already done so. REMEMBER: DO NOT USE them until 2011.*

ANNUAL REPORTS: *All groups and organizations of St. John's are reminded to complete their annual reports and turn them in to Pastor or leave them in the back office by Monday, January 10th. Thank you for your prompt attention.*

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: *If anyone in the congregation would like to be notified of any church event changes (such as worship cancellation due to weather), please provide this information to Pastor Reichow or Jael Schmieg. You may also e-mail us at office@stjohnsglencoe.org.*

THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Today	9:00 am	Worship w/ Communion
	10:20am	Bible Class
Thursday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teacher's Mtg.
Friday	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class

DIRECTORY UPDATES: *If anyone has changed their phone numbers and/or addresses in the past year, please give your new information to Ruth Lange or Pastor Reichow a.s.a.p. We would like to get started on the printing of the 2011-2012 Church Directories.*

NEWSLETTERS *for the month of January are available. Please stop by the meeting room and pick yours up today.*

THE YOUTH GROUP *will be going to Grand Slam in Burnsville on Sunday, January 16th. We will leave at 2pm. All Youth are encouraged to invite friends and as always, family is welcome to attend. Please sign up by Sunday, January 9th on the sheet in the narthex. If you are in need of a ride, please indicate this on the sign up sheet. Any questions, speak to Gene Roush.*

LOCK-IN *is scheduled for Friday, January 21st at 8pm.*

JANITORIAL POSITION: *Our church's indoor janitor's position will be available beginning in January 2011. If anyone is interested in the position or would like more information, please speak to Gene Roush or Mark Raddatz.*

SERMON OF THE FUTURE: *Have you heard the phrase, "timing is everything"? So what do you think about God's timing for your life? Come next week as we take a closer look at God's timing. In preparation read Galatians 4:4-7.*

⁴ But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, ⁵ to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. ⁶ Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.