

Hymn 133 - *Within the Father's House* (Sung to the Tune of TLH #426)

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 134 - *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

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Announcements

- **Today** — A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow this morning's worship service.
- **Thursday** — The Women of Faith are scheduled to meet at Myra's apartment at 2 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School is scheduled to precede next Sunday's worship service; a Bible Class presentation is scheduled to follow next Sunday's service.
- **Christian Women's Retreat Flyers:** Flyers for this year's Christian Women's Retreat sponsored by Immanuel-Mankato are available on the table at the back of the church sanctuary. This year's retreat will be Fri.-Sun., March 28-30, at Riverport Inn & Suites in Winona, MN.

Our Response of Faith — January 5, 2014

Attendance: 16

Unified Budget.....	\$250.50
Total.....	\$250.50

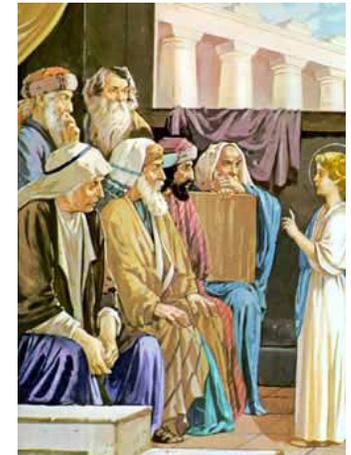
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Young Jesus with the Teachers in the Temple at Jerusalem

JANUARY 12, 2014 – 1ST SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 45, pg. 133

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 125 - *The Old Year Now hath Passed Away*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: Beloved of God, the Lord Himself invites us to come into His presence for worship, freely acknowledging our sins, as we look to His throne of Grace for forgiveness in Christ. Let us, therefore, confess our sins together.

People: *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.*

All Sing: *O Jesus Christ, the only Son, Of God Your heav'nly Father,
You did for all our sins atone, And Your lost sheep You gather.
O Lamb of God, to You on high, From depths of woe we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Pastor: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: *“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* Lift up your hearts! With the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sing: *All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; The Father’s love, the Savior’s birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day
People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – Isaiah 42:1-7

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! ... *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil ... (Acts 10:38)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Matthew 3:13-17

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be

so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: Here ends the 2nd Scripture reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles’ Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 131 - The Star Proclaims the King Is Near

The Sermon – Luke 2:40-52

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. 41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

“The Boy-Jesus Revealed as God’s Own Son”

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.