

his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if you are a son, then you are also an heir of God through Christ.

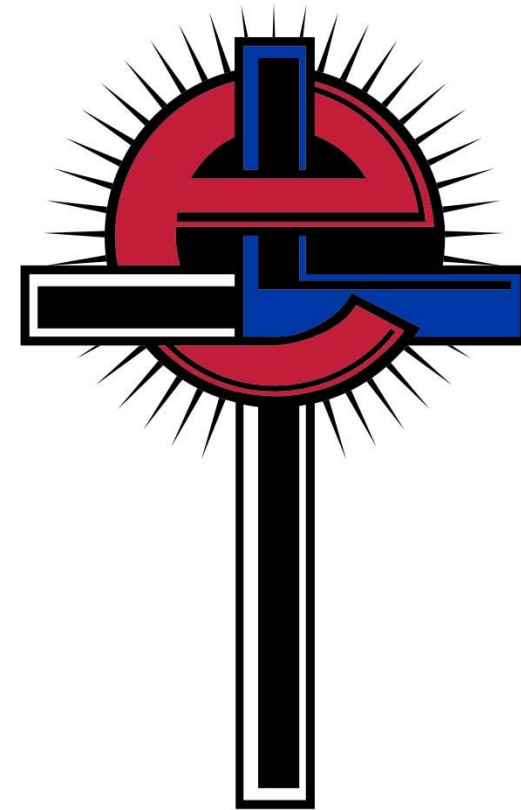
Gospel – Luke 2:25-40

Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, 28 Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, 29 Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, 30 because my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared before the face of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

33 Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day. 38 Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church



*"He who brings redemption to Israel
appears in His Temple"*

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December 31, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas

WELCOME: To all our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

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Hymns: 42, 41, 38, 72

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 103, page 105

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:25-40

Sermon Text: Luke 2:33-40

Sermon Theme: "The Christ Child's arrival inevitably reveals the attitude of every heart"

- 1. Some give thanks to God for Him**
- 2. Many speak against Him**
- 3. The Father's favor always rests on Him**

Organist: Mrs. Janean Plocher

Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	NY Eve vespers w/Lord's Supper	6:30 pm
TUESDAY	Elders	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00/10:30 am
	Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
	Open forum	11:45 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, commune with us this morning. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

First Lesson – Isaiah 11:1-5

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A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

Second Lesson – Galatians 4:1-7

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What I am saying is this: As long as the heir is a young child, he is no different from a slave. Although he is owner of everything, 2 he is still under guardians and managers until the day set by his father. 3 So also, when we were younger children, we were enslaved under the basic principles of the world. 4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son to be born of a woman, so that he would be born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those under the law, so that we would be adopted as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of

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