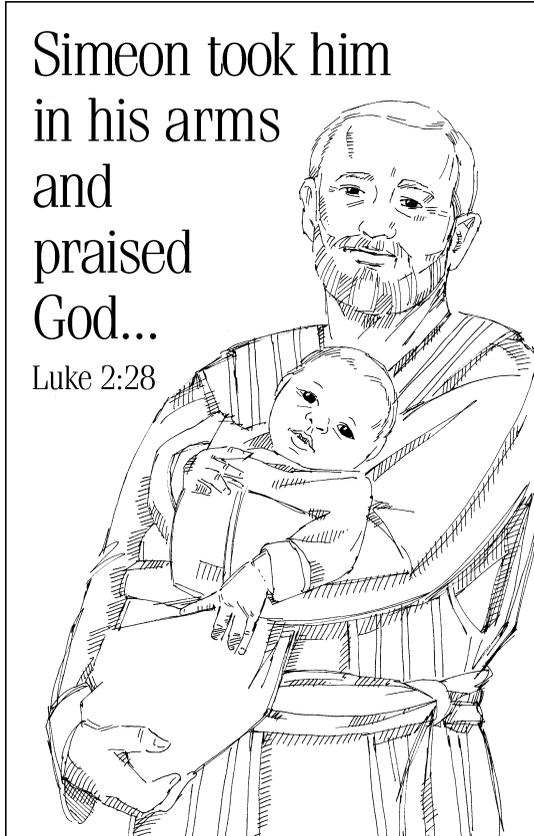


**First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 30, 2018**

Simeon took him  
in his arms  
and  
praised  
God...

Luke 2:28



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**Service Times**

**Thursday at 7pm**

**Sunday at 8am and 10:30am**

**Radio Broadcast – Sunday at 10am on Z92.5FM**

Broadcast hymn 200, vv 1&2

Welcome

Greeting

P: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

C: **Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.**

P: He is Christ the Lord.

C: **Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about!**

*♪ Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing his love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom. (42, v. 1)*

Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the God of Christmas.

C: **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!**

P: We glorify Jesus as we celebrate his birthday!

C: **He was born in our world to be our Savior!**

*♪ See how God, for us providing,  
Gave his Son and life abiding;  
He our weary steps is guiding  
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy. (v.2)*

Confession of Sins

P: Let us confess our sins.

All: **Lord God, the Christmas message convicts us of sin as we hear again that we needed a Savior. Because of our sins we were doomed; we could never have saved ourselves. Only Jesus, truly divine and truly human, could live a perfect life of love and then die in our place for all our loveless, selfish acts, words, and thoughts. Through our Savior, therefore, we plead, "Lord, have mercy on us who have sinned!"**

*♪ Christ, from heav'n to us descending  
And in love our race befriending,  
In our need his help extending,  
Saved us from the wily foe. (v. 3)*

P: The Lord God has had mercy on us. That is why He sent His Son into our world. That is why there is Christmas. Christ came and redeemed us from our sins! Here is the good news, the best news, news for us and all people. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son. By grace you have been saved through faith. Take heart! Your sins are forgiven because of Jesus. Amen.

*♪ Jacob's Star in all its splendor  
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,  
Forcing Satan to surrender,  
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell. (v. 4)*

### **Prayer of the Day**

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. Amen.

*♪ Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;  
From your lowly manger cheer us.  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join th' angelic choir.*

### **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 11:1-5**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

## Second Lesson

**Galatians 4:1-7**

What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.

## Handbells

**What Child Is This**

## Gospel

**Luke 2:25-40**

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

## Hymn 41

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

**The Baby with the Greatest Destiny**

**Offering & Hymn 77**

**In His Temple Now Behold Him**

**Christmas Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus, we praise you for your birth at Bethlehem. You were given the name Jesus because you came to save us from our sins. You are the Father's perfect Gift to us and our fallen world. We call you our Jesus, our Immanuel, and glorify your saving name.

*♪ We sing of His glory; we tell of His love.*

*The wonderful story; God's Gift from above.*

*We sing of His glory; His truth we proclaim.*

*The wonderful story: our Jesus, His name.* (Tune: Away in a Manger)

P: Prince of Peace, you came to restore peace between us and your holy Father. Grace and peace are ours in abundance because you became our Brother. Sharing our humanity, you suffered in our place. We live in the light of your love, O Light of the world, and glorify your precious name.

*♪ We sing of His glory; we bask in His grace.*

*The wonderful story: God rescues our race.*

*We sing of His glory; we live in His light.*

*The wonderful story: That beautiful sight.*

P: Eternal Son of the Father, we call you our Alpha and Omega, our Everything. Our hopes and dreams all center in you who gives us the gift of eternal life. We call you our King and glorify your enduring name.

*♪ We sing of His glory; we shout forth His praise.*

*The wonderful story: God enters our days.*

*To God be the glory! Glad praises we sing!*

*The wonderful story: The birth of our King!*

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 64**

**Let Us All with Gladsome Voice**

## Prayer

### Closing Words of Encouragement & Blessing

P: Brothers and sister, rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!

C: **How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!**

P: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

C: **The one and only Son came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P: The God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, your Savior and Lord! Amen.

Hymn 707

Peace Came to Earth

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The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast is provided in loving memory of our members who have entered eternal rest this year.

### This week at Salem:

Monday (31)	6:00pm	New Year's Eve Communion Service
Tue – Wed	all day	church office closed
Thursday (3)	7:00pm	Communion Service
Sunday (6)	8 & 10:30am	Communion Services
	9:30am	Sunday School/ Bible Class
	1:30pm	Youth Confirmation Class

Attendance: Dec 23	98+129= 227
Candlelight	235+132= 367
Christmas Day	157

	Dec 16	To Date
Offerings received	\$ 9,467	\$501,396
Budgetary needs	\$11,260	\$540,580
Owed to internal line of credit:	\$37,000	

Looking ahead to January 3 & 6

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Theme: A Star Shines!

Common Service with Communion

## Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In  
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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