LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As the Procession goes down the center aisle, candles are lit from the Processional Torches and the light is passed down the pew.

EXSULTET - 4th Century hymn used primary at start of Easter Vigil candle lighting



- Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.
- ▶ Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, who sent Your Only-begotten Son, begotten of You before time, but incarnate of the Virgin Mary in time, the true and unfailing Light, to dispel the darkness of mankind and to kindle the light of faith and truth in the world: mercifully grant that, just as we are lighted by physical light, so also we may be filled inwardly with rays of spiritual light; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C A - men.

INTROIT- our entrance Psalm of worship

Psalm 84, 48, Liturgical Text

- P Christ has come unto his | temple,*
 - for the eyes of all to see your sal- | vation.
 - A light to shine upon the | nations. *

And the glory of your people | Isreal.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;* my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

P As we have heard, so | have we seen* in the city of the | LORD of hosts. Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*

ever sing- | ing your praise!

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,* in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth. That this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us for- | ever.

Continued with the 'Gloria Patri', p. 186

COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Continued with sung 'Amen', p. 189.

Please extinguish your candles.

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 1:21–28

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

GRADUAL the ancient seasonal, Scriptural response to hearing God's Word Psalm 48

 As we have heard, so | have we seen* in the city of the | LORD of hosts.
We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,* in the midst of your | temple.

EPISTLE Hebrews 2:14–18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

ALLELUIA VERSE

P Alleluia. Alleluia. Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors- it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle and pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is located off the Library. The Library also has space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

Praver List – those who mourn:

Brenda Bullock at the death of her mother June Bullock who died 1/28 - members:

Mary Lingo (cancer), Ron Swartz (cancer), Nancy Crain (surgery), Chelsea Shaw (health issues)

- family & friends:

Sue Burgdorf (grandmother of Pastor Burgdorf, hospice) Joe Albright (brother-in-law to Maureen Stinson, health issues) Jim Deane (friend of the Bohndorf's, illness) Jan Harbour (mother of Scott Harbour, fall recovery) Brooks Bradley (nephew of Janise Selbe, born pre-mature) Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, hospice) Kathy Clarke (aunt of Lanette Carder, cancer) Eric Wells (friend of Steve & Marsha Albright, health) Matthew McClure (friend of Terry Wade, health issues) Kobi Shelton (daughter of Cathy Manis, health, transplant) Anne Barfoot (friend of Joanie Jones, cancer) Jordan Fuerst (nephew of Suzette Mack, cancer)

Table Talk, 1st Friday, 7:00 pm. Led by Pastor Burgdorf. Designed for young adults, 19-39 years old, married or single, for a social time to engage issues of our world. Invite any friends or relatives. Some food, beverages provided but you are welcome to bring things to share.

1st Friday Trustee work, Friday, 9 am, as we get some coffee and address a few small projects around the facility, all welcome.

Men's Basketball begins Sundays, 8 pm, through April 6. All high school men and older welcome to get in shape, play pickup bb games.

Book Club, Thursday, 6:30, books listed in newsletter. All welcome to

come whether you have read/finished the book for lively discussions. Souper Bowl Party, Feb. 9, begins 4:30 pm, kickoff is 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite soup in a crockpot to enter into the Souper Bowl Contest by 5:00 pm to win our very highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Bring your own food, beverages if you wish; in addition to the soups, a variety of snacks and beverages are provided. The game will be on a couple of our TVs. Children may play in the gym/other games.

Congregation Potluck & Quarterly Voter's Assembly, Feb. 16, after Late Service. Agenda available 2/9. For our potluck, last name:

A-M: bring a main dish; N-Z: bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or bread.

Blood Drive, Feb. 25, Tues., 1:00-5:30 pm. Sign-up in the Narthex.

Sunday School gamenight/Parent's datenight, Friday, Feb. 14, 6-8 pm, infants-high school. Food, snacks provided.

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CALENDAR

-	8:00 9:15 9:15 10:30 11:45 6:00 8:00	cation of Mary, Presentation of Jesus Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class Adult Catechism Class -Front Office Divine Service Vocal Choir Youth Group Men's basketball		
Monday	8:40 6:30	Risen Savior Classical Academy Matins Book Club		
Tuesday	8:30	Matins		
Weds.	8:30 9:00 6:30 7:00	Matins Bible Class for all Evening Prayer Youth Confirmation, Bell Choir		
Thursday	/ 8:30 6:30	Matins Youth Chorale		
Friday	8:30 9:00 7:00	Matins 1 st Friday Trustee work Table Talk for young adults		
Saturday	6:00	Divine Service		
Sunday		ransfiguration of our Lord Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class Adult Catechism Class -Front Office Divine Service Vocal Choir Souper Bowl Party		
Upcoming Events				
Feb. 16 Feb. 25 March 4 March 5 March 14 March 22	Next Quart Next Blood	en Tag (Pancake Day) esday on Retreat - Life vigil		

- April 12 Spring cleaning
- Palm Sunday, Confirmation, Holy Week begins Holy Thursday, Noon & 7 pm Divine Services April 13
- April 17
- Good Friday, Noon & 7 pm Services Easter Vigil, 7 pm Divine Service Abril 18
- Abril 19
- April 20 Easter 7 am, 10 am Services, Breakfast 8-9:45

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Date	Attendance	Offering -	+ Special Funds	
L/26	269	\$8979	\$200	
l/19	275	\$8265	\$400	

Altar Flowers: in thanksgiving for Amy Galyean birthday from Frances Brown; and in memory of Pat Over and Gage Hauk from Cathy Manis. See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase. Financial Reports are posted in Church Office. **On-Line Giving.** Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download the App. There is also a link on our website.



4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEB. 2, 2025 **THE PURIFICATION OF MARY & PRESENTATION OF JESUS**

Welcome to the Lord's House. Today's ancient name is Candlemas, the feast day that celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, as prescribed by God's Levitical Law to take place 40 days after His birth. God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death. The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she praved, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the two bird but the Lamb, the Child they carried. This Child has come to "destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14b-15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes. The Lord bless this Divine Service.



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our quests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.