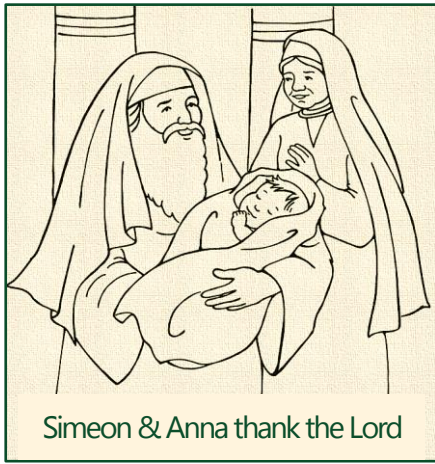


February 2, 2025

Presentation of Our Lord



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words
and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into
the world. Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume
the worst about one another. Cleanse us
from our faults and release us from their
grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit,
you are made free. Refreshed by the
waters of mercy, live anew as beloved
children of God.

C: Amen.

HYMN

No. 417

In His Temple Now Behold Him

(Same tune as 'Angels from the Realms of Glory')

1 In his temple now behold him, see the long-
expected Lord; ancient prophets had foretold
him, God has sent the promised Word. Now to
praise him, his redeem-ed shall break forth with
one accord.

2 In the arms of her who bore him, virgin pure,
behold him lie, while his aged saints adore him,
ere in perfect faith they die. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

3 Jesus, by your presentation, when they
blessed you, weak and poor, make us see your
great salvation, seal us with your promise sure;
and present us, in your glory, to your Father,
cleansed and pure.

4 Prince and author of salvation, be your
boundless love our theme! Jesus, praise to you
be given by the world you did redeem, with the
Father and the Spirit God of majesty supreme!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten
Son was presented this day in the temple.

**C: May we be presented to you with clean and
pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great
high priest, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the
way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will
suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the
covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is
coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can
endure the day of his coming, and who can stand
when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers'
soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine
them like gold and silver, until they present offerings
to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of
Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD,
as in the days of old and as in former years.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM 24:7-10 We read responsively

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

Jesus shared human flesh and sufferings

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

The infant Jesus is brought to the temple

²²When 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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pr. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN No. 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. Refrain

Refrain **In him there is no darkness at all.**

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

HOLY BAPTISM--APOSTLES CREED p. 227-231

ASSEMBLY AFFIRMATION

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY—OFFERING—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

C: Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Remember and Rejoice No. 454

1 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace. We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

2 **In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name, forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.**

3 **We pledge ourselves anew to flee the lures of hell, to cling to Christ's community, in justice, peace to dwell.**

4 **God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care. Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.**

5 **Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace. We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.**

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

C: Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you
with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C Amen.

◆ HYMN *O Lord Now Let Your Servant* No. 313

1 **O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace: a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill, the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.**

2 **Then grant that I may follow your gleam, O glorious Light, till earthly shadows scatter, and faith is changed to sight; till raptured saints shall gather upon that shining shore, where Christ, the blessed daystar, shall light them evermore.**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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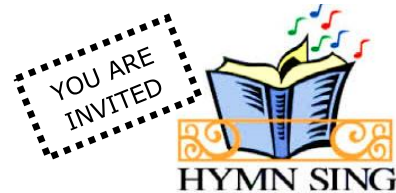
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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Su 2-2	9 AM WORSHIP – <i>Presentation of Jesus</i> 10 AM Sun. School 10 AM Coffee 4 PM 🎵 HYMN SING & LASAGNA SUPPER - Freewill offering for Organ Repair Fund
Mo 2-3	5:30 Worship-Evangelism
Tu 2-4	12-1 Open Prayer Time <i>in sanctuary</i>
We 2-5	5:30-7 PM Confirmation @ home
Su 2-9	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>5th Sun aftr Epiph</i> 10 AM Sun. School 10 AM Coffee



& Lasagna Supper
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND - 4 PM

Join us in the sanctuary to sing your favorite hymns
 followed by a heartwarming supper & fellowship.
 Freewill Offering to benefit Organ Repair.

Men of First Lutheran



You are invited to join our Men's Ministry group.
 This group can center around a Bible study,
 service work, social gatherings, etc. To express
 your interest in joining this group, please fill out
 the form linked here:

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