

**Purification of Mary and Presentation of Our Lord  
February 9, 2020**

**Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!**

Prelude ..... Organist  
Announcements  
Invocation.....Inside cover of hymnal  
Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

**Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!**

Opening Hymn...."Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing".....#2  
Liturgical Reading....."Perfect Peace" .....#491  
Hymn Response....."Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....#335  
Prayer of the Day .....Bulletin  
Passing of the Peace

**Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

First and Second Scripture Readings  
Special Music ...At Lands.....Lands Handbell Choir  
The Gospel. ....Luke 2:22-40  
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon: "Long Awaited Package" Luke 2:22-40 Pastor Chris

**Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!**

Offering Hymn....."Victory in Jesus".....#473  
Response....."We Give Thee But Thine Own".....#620  
Apostle's Creed .....Inside cover of hymnal  
Prayers  
The Lord's Prayer  
Closing Hymn....."Sun of My Soul".....#412  
Benediction

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**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Feb 9<sup>th</sup> thru Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

Today: 8:15 a. m. Lands Handbell Practice  
9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands  
10:30 a.m. Worship at Romsdal

Wed: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Lands  
5:00 p.m. Bible Study at Lands  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Lands  
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir at Romsdal

Thurs: 1:30 p.m. Mission Workshop at Lands  
2:00 p.m. Chapel Worship at Alcester

Fri: 1:30 p.m. Romsdal Women to Bethesda

Sun: Feb 16<sup>th</sup> Worship Schedule  
9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands  
10:30 a.m. Worship at Trinity

**ALL SINGERS:** Please consider joining the Parish Choir.  
We will be practicing this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Romsdal.

Romsdal Women will be serving ice cream & cupcakes at Bethesda  
this coming Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for their coffee hour.

A Bible Study – "Lutheran Perspectives for a New Day" is being  
held on Wednesdays. at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. at Lands.

**Parish Youth Group:** After Church next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>,  
Youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade through college age are invited to the Schroder's  
for dinner, followed by a trip to the Escape Room in Harrisburg.  
The cost is \$10 per person, and friends are welcome. If you plan  
to attend, and due to the need to order tickets, you must let Pastor  
Chris know by noon today, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name** by Max Lucado, a six  
week Bible Study beginning Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 -  
11:00 a.m. at Laura's Lattes in Canton. Spend time at the foot of  
the cross and search the heart of the One who would rather die for  
you than live without you. Reserve your study book (\$7.00), and a  
chair at the table by calling Denise Koopsma at 605.351.4592.

There will be a **4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Meeting** on Monday  
evening, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Lands.

**Prayer of the Day**

Dear Lord, You are a mighty and forgiving God. Help us to  
come to You with thanksgiving and praise, and to honor You  
today in our thoughts, words and deeds.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Today's Readings**

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**First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21-28**

**21** The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. **22** 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." **23** 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. **24** 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. **25** Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. **26** 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. **27** For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. **28** Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18**

**14** 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, **15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. **16** For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. **17** 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. **18** For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40**

**22** And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” **25** 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. **26** 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. **27** 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, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, **29** “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” **33** And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. **34** 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 **35** (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” **36** 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, **37** 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. **38** 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. **39** And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. **40** And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.



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LUKE 2:28

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