

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

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Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LSB 670 vs. 1,2,4 Δ

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

C: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

P: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield.

C: The Lord bestows favor and honor.

P: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The Lord indeed bestows His favor and honor upon us, but we take His favor and honor for granted. We place our trust in ourselves instead of in God. Our actions are for our own glory, not God's. We are inconsiderate of our neighbors and too often neglect to gather for worship. But we come before our heavenly Father, seeking His favor and honor and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have sought our own way, not Your way. We have failed to open our doors and our lives to neighbors in need. We have chosen the tents of the wicked rather than Your house, but we are here seeking Your forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Restore us as Your beloved people.

P: When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple for His presentation, a man named Simeon took Jesus in his arms and proclaimed that he had beheld God's salvation. This Jesus is our salvation. He has died and is risen for you, and He forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. The Lord bestows favor and honor. We are forgiven in Christ.

INTROIT

Psalm 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: v. 9

P: We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

C: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

P: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

C: Within her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress.

P: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise the Almighty" LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in

He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, as Your Son was presented in the temple, You revealed Him as a light to all nations. Grant us courage to share Christ's light so that all may know that the world is changed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Jesus 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “In His Temple Now Behold Him” *LSB 519*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is a light for revelation to the nations and by His incarnation, the world is changed. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS "In His Temple Now Behold Him" LSB 519

**In His temple now behold Him
Jesus, Lord of hosts, draws near.
Come sing holy, holy, holy
To the One who calms each fear.
Shout your bold hosannas freely.
He will save His people here.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to be our light and our salvation. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, liberate, and defend us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "In His Temple Now Behold Him" LSB 519

**In His temple now behold Him:
Lamb of God for sinners slain.
Show us mercy, dear Lord Jesus,
Free us from sin's dreadful reign.
Grant Your peace to ev'ry nation.
Shine Your light on us again.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to be our light and our salvation. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament and grant us to depart in peace now and in our final hour; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937 Δ

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (2/2/20 – 2/9/20)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

Tuesday: Blood Drive, 3:30-6:00pm; Board of Ed, 5:00pm; Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation Class, 5:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending January 26, 2020)

General & Building Funds: \$4141.00; Blessings: \$15.50

Attendance: Thursday: 23; Sunday: 106

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

PIZZAS are available for pick-up today for those who ordered them.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE will be taking place this Tuesday, February 4th from 3:30 - 6:00pm in the lower level of the church. Save a life, donate blood!

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE: Please bring all bottles back to church as soon as possible.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TRIP - Ann Juliot will be traveling to the Dominican Republic with a group from Aspirus Feb. 19-26 to provide medical care and supplies to the under-served. Please keep the Mission and participants in your prayers. Sheets listing the needed supplies, as well as a box for collecting them can be found near the mailboxes. Thank you for your help!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"Women, families, and our culture deserve better than abortion."

Melissa Ohden, survivor of a botched abortion –

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