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Presentation of Our Lord,
February 2, 2025
9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".*
- *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Psalm 84

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O
LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be
praising you.

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts
are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of
springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of
water.

- ⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- ⁸ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹ Behold our defend- er, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,
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.

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.

Amen.

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise	<i>Let All Together Praise Our God</i>	ELC 287 vs 1,3,6
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***Prayer of the Day**

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

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

(This reading concludes a larger section (2:17—3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.)

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 fullers' 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.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:14-18

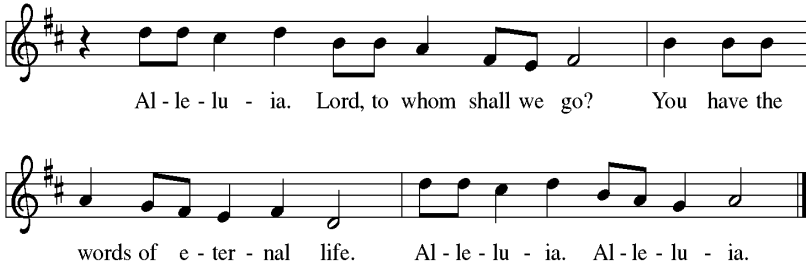
(Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.)

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel The gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

Glory to you, O Lord.

(This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.)

²² 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 ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which 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 the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was
being said about him. ³⁴ Then 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

³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and
a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There 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, ³⁷ then as a widow to
the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped
there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the
Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and
the favor of God was upon him.

The Good News of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Song *We are Marchin in the Light*

ELC866

V 1

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Karen Matsuka

***Hymn of the Day**

In His Temple
Now Behold Him

ELW 417

v 1,3,4

***Apostles Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

Offering Hymn

Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ

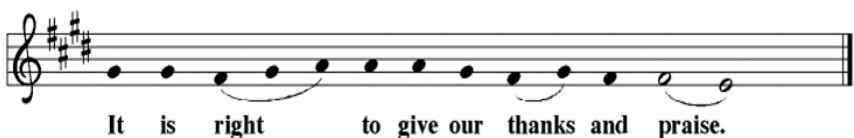
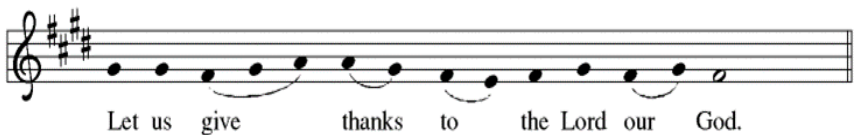
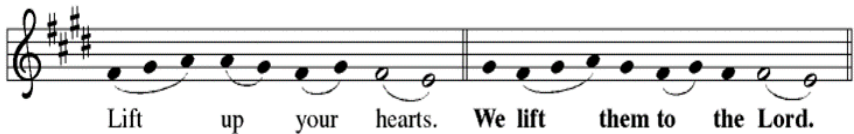
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*Offering Prayer

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.**

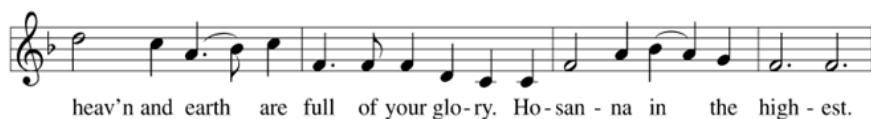
Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving



*Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

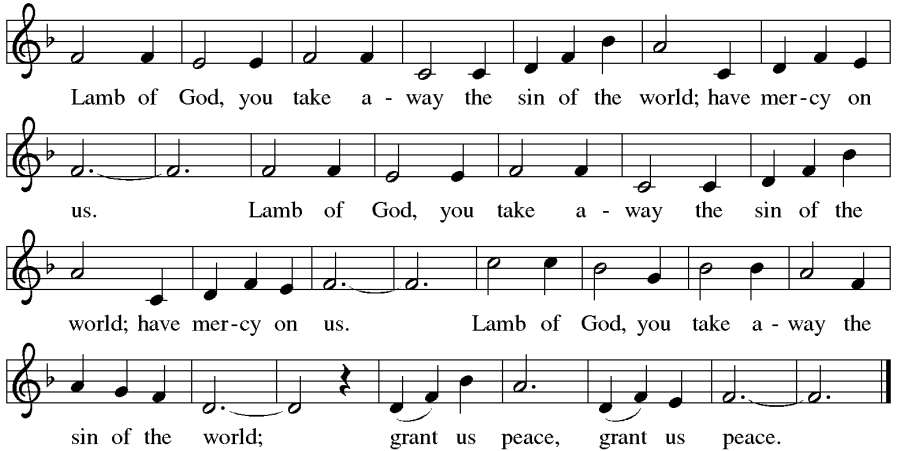
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

Amen

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

I want to Walk
as a Child of the Light
Lord, Be Glorified

ELW815

ELW744

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

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

Announcements

***Blessing**

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

Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* **ELW 313**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God!

Please Note: The Office will be closed on Tuesdays, for the next two weeks: February 4th and 11th. We will be in on Wednesdays, and will still be checking email.



OUR PRAYER LIST



Bri and family (friend of Barb and Howie's granddaughter) For strength and healing as they go through long term care issues.

Ken C. (brother of Kathy and son of Pat C.) Pray for praise and thanksgiving for improvement as he continues to fight cancer.

Family of Jessica Dwyer (member) Pray for her father for strength and healing as he deals with medical issues.

Donna M. For strength and healing as she deals with medical challenges.

Jean B. For strength and healing as she deals with health issues.

Elmer Henry, father of Joan Maring For peace and comfort as he is healing

P.(Client of Karen Matuska) Pray for strength and healing

Chandra and her son Darin Pray for strength and healing as they deal with a kidney transplant

Miriam F., (Steve's mom) Pray for strength and healing as she deals with health issues.

Peter and Tina (parents of Kathleen F.) Pray for strength and healing as they deal with health challenges in the family.

And for

Grace Lutheran church our prayer partners

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

February 2 Alan & Laura Goins February 9 PatChaffin

You will find the sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday February 3, 9-11am: Food donation drop-off at WSC

Monday February 3, 6:30pm Book Club

Wednesday, February 5, 12:30: Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday February 5, 7:00pm: Bible Study

Sunday, February 9, 9:30am: Worship - Pastor Ashley

Monday, February 10, 9-11am: Food donation drop-off off at WSC

Wednesday, February 12, 12:30: Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 pm: Confirmation at CTK

Wednesday February 12, 7:00pm: Bible Study

CTK Book Club We are now reading *Land of Shadows* by Rachel Howzell Hall. There are copies in the green book bag in the narthex to be checked out. Please join us for our discussion on February 3rd at 6:30pm. We are meeting at Marilyn Pilar's home.

February 2nd & 9th, Christ the King's Souper Bowl!!

The SOUPER BOWL begins this Sunday! bring a can(s) of soup to show your support for the team you want to win in New Orleans. (If you don't care who wins, bring 2 cans and support both teams!) After the service on February 9 all donations will be counted before being taken to Westside Cares. Results will be announced in the following weeks' newsletter.

Exciting News About the Library

Christ the King, I'm excited to share some news with you. Starting next month, Christ the King will begin hosting several groups from the displaced Rockrimmon Library community. These will include yoga classes, book clubs, HOA meetings, and more, held in our fellowship hall during the week. The PPLD bookmobile will also likely use our parking lot to serve the surrounding community. Pastor Ashley

"Here I am, Lord!" Volunteers Needed!

No matter your talent, or time limits, CTK has just the right spot for you - ***and your family, too!*** We are looking for help with the **Kitchen, Congregational Care, and CTK Choir**. Please prayerfully consider our call for help. Our weekly newsletter has more details.

Good Grief Healing Together

Grace Lutheran Church, 1128 E Boulder S, is offering a series starting in February and running once a month. Meeting on Sundays in the library from 12:00 - 1:15 pm; feel free to bring lunch. *Good Grief* by Granger Westberg, will be used to direct the conversations.

Questions? Contact Pastor Gabrielle Brown at **(719) 352-8918** **pastorgbrownatgracelutheran@gmail.com**

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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