
THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

PURIFICATION OF MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Worship Notes

Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 14.*



Synod Sentences for the **Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord** **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 prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD" (1 Sam. 2:28). 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 turtledoves or young pigeons. It was 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, and we with them, for we know that we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH *Lord Jesus, You fulfilled the Law perfectly, in every way, for me so that You could be the spotless Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for my sins and the sins of all. Grant that I rejoice in my salvation which You have prepared for me, granting me peace with the Father. Further grant that I share this peace of God which surpasses my understanding with others. In Your name I pray. Amen*

*Upon entering the nave, **silence** should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will

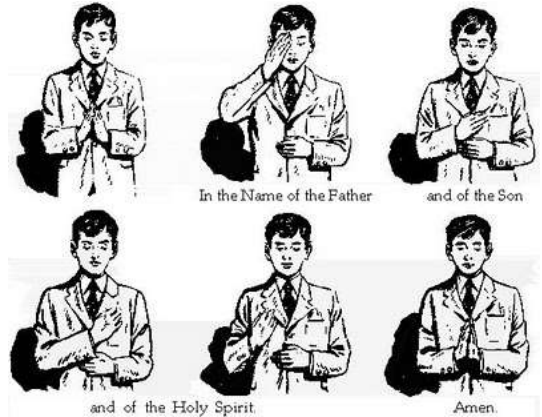


find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
 You'll hear the song resound
 Of endless jubilation
 When you with life are crowned.
 In your right hand your maker
 Will place the victor's palm,
 And you will thank Him gladly
 With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
 With joy our spirits bless
 Until we see the ending
 Of all our life's distress.
 And so throughout our lifetime
 Keep us within Your care
 And at our end then bring us
 To heav'n to praise You there.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

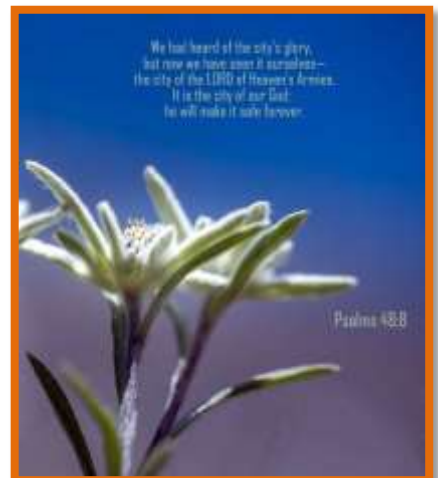
Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: v. 9

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O
God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
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.
Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.
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 for- | ever.



Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186



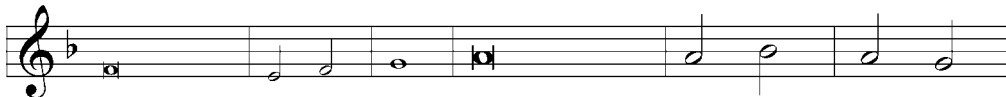
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

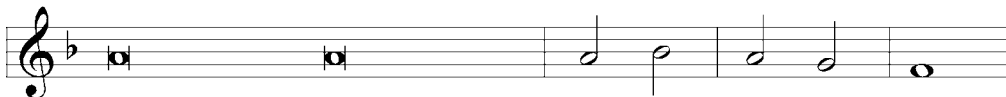
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But 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." ²³Elkanah 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. ²⁴And 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. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

²⁶And 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. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore 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 The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1, 8a, 9

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain!
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

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



- P** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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 male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said 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, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he 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;
³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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."

³⁶And 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, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And 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.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

519 In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,
hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him
weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,
Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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Sermon *(see worksheet on page 26)*

Pr von Hindenburg

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offering

Stewardship Meditation: **Luke 2:24** - "... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.'" Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification is either a lamb or this pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us, and, of course, Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion but His all.



Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Response to petitions is, "hear our prayer."

In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit during the Prayer.

- P** Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be a light to the nations. Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth, that people from every tribe, nation, and language would know the saving Light of the world, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Lord, send Your mercy to all who are advanced in years and struggling with their limitations. Grant them patience and give them purpose. Help them to share their faithfulness with others, as Simeon and Anna did in the temple. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, *especially Anita and Clinton*. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Lord, as Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord's service, we pray that You would raise up pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants in Your Church, that all people come to see the salvation You have prepared for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

- P** Lord, You sent Your Son into this world and by doing so changed the course of history. Comfort all those who are struggling to change their lives, those who live with mental illness, addiction, poor habits, and a lack of self-control. Transform their lives and bring them to You, for You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, recovering, and suffering in any way, *especially Abai, Alice, Bonnie, Charles, Clinton, Cynthia, Dalton, David, Debra, Deneice, Ed, Gerald, Irmgard, James, Janice, Jod, Johnathan, Katheryn, Ken, Kevin, Lois, Lucy, Lynette, Marc, Marie, Marilyn, Marion and her family, Marjorie, Martin, Michele, Naomi, Olivier, Philip, Rodgers, Royce, Stephen, Stephen K, Susan, and Tuomo.* Have mercy upon them, heal them, and sustain them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**



Service of the Sacrament

PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



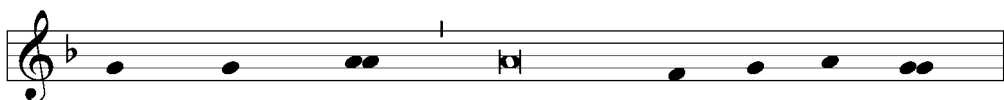
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



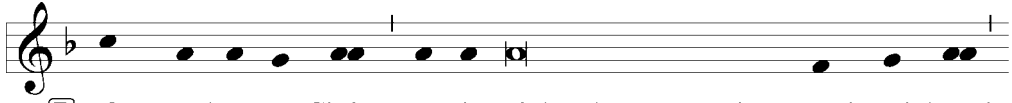
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed are:

LSB 199

Amen, Amen, and Amen.

When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

The Dismissal

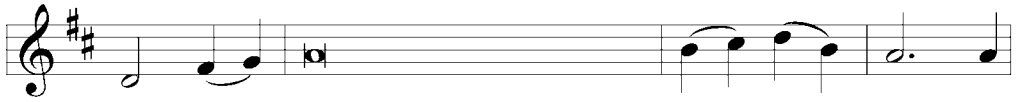
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



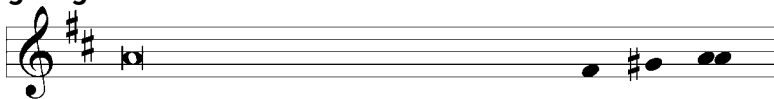
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



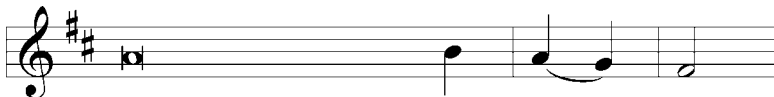
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

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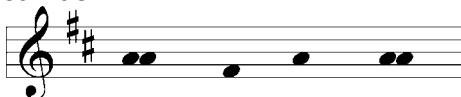
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



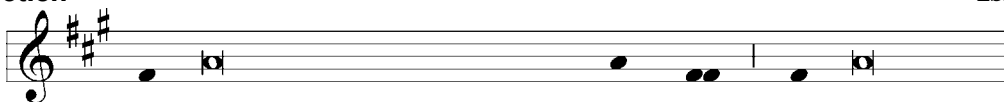
A Bless we the Lord.



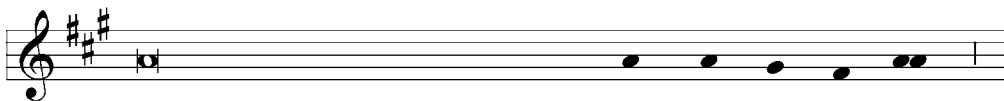
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

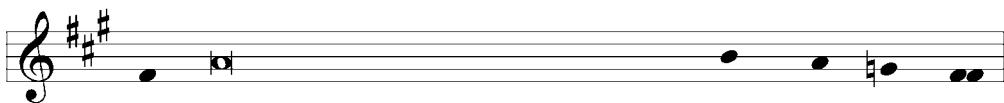
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



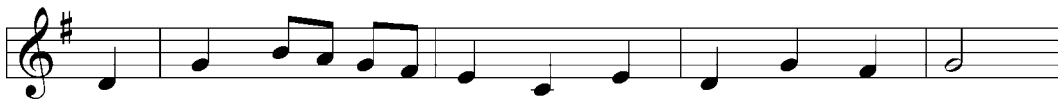
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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As the postlude is played, all are invited to follow Pastor down the center aisle to the narthex as we greet one another there.

Amani ya Bwana!

Taccato in C Major

J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)

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Parish Announcements

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WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes." (Psalm 119:11-12.)

Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

In addition to our **Divine Service** on Sunday at 10 am, and **Matins** on Tuesday at 11 am, we have opportunities to gather and study God's Holy Word:

Adult Bible Classes: Sunday at 8:30 and Tuesday at 11:30

Sunday School (ages 3+): Sunday at 8:30

Confirmation and Membership Classes: As requested

STEWARDSHIP

Offerings for January 26: \$ 956 Attendance: 41 Adult Bible Class/SS: 12
Altar Guild Today: Stephanie **Next Week:** Flett

Transitioning to Lent: The joyous 12 Days of Christmas have ended. The visit of the Magi has passed. The Baptism of Christ has been celebrated. Miracles and now the Transfiguration have been commemorated. As we come down from this festive mountaintop and prepare for the long sober road of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, it is good to have a brief period of transition. The next three Sundays have been called "pre-Lent", but their Latin names actually point us to Easter joy – seventy days away, sixty days away, fifty days away. And the three Gospel lessons of these Sundays remind us of the three Solas of the Lutheran Reformation:

Grace Alone - Matthew 20:1-16 (February 9)

Faith Alone - Luke 8:4-15 (February 16)

Scripture Alone - Luke 18:31-43 (February 23)



Today, we turn to [The Christian Year of Grace](#) for answers to questions about the **Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord.**

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:21-28

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Read the propers for today on lutheranalendar.org.



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Introduction

Even as a helpless babe, Jesus was our Savior, who came to fulfill the Law in our place. Through His blood shed on the cross, we are purified from our sin so we can have eternal life.

Devotional Reading

16. What does the Law say about purification?

It is written in Leviticus 2 [:2–5] that if a woman bears a male child, she shall remain at home six weeks until she is purified. She shall touch no holy thing, and shall not come to the sanctuary; but if she bears a female child, she shall remain at home twelve weeks.

17. What do we find in this Law?

Two things that seem to us almost unfitting: First, a new mother was regarded as unclean even though marriage is God's work and the infant that is born is God's pleasing creation. Second, she was to offer five shekels in silver for a lamb, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons, in exchange for the firstborn. But setting aside the Jews for a moment, it used to be held in the church that new mothers were not members of the church, but were cut off at that time and in the power of the devil. This led to the abominable superstition of sprinkling water and salt, burning candles and incense, and making many signs of the cross on doors and windows so that Satan would not be able to gain entrance. . . .

24. Why did God give this commandment to the Jews?

For three reasons: first, that they might be mindful of how He struck down all the firstborn in their exodus from Egypt, both men and animals. Second, that the priests and Levites might have their living from it, since they had no inheritance in the land. Third, that he might remind us of the true Firstborn, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the firstborn of all, in whose blood we are cleansed and sanctified.

25. Did this law apply to Christ, too?

No, Christ is Lord of every law. He served us with it, that He might satisfy the Law. As St. Paul says, Christ was not subject to the Law; thus Christ stood in our place and fulfilled the Law on our behalf (Gal. 4 [:4–5]).

26. Has the Law been abolished, then?

With respect to justification the Law has been abolished. This is why St. Paul says, "You are not under the Law but under grace" [Rom. 6:14], so that by grace and through the merits of Christ you have forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and blessedness. But as far as the obedience of faith is concerned, we are required to do what is becoming of Christians and children of God.

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Selected Hymn Stanza

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Hymn stanza is from LSB 763:3.



We Pray For . . .

Abai: *friend of Pr&K* – peace of mind, clarity, direction (K)
Alice – recovering from surgery
Anita – grieving the death of her mother
Bonnie: *Pr's cousin* - liver cancer
Charles: *Pr's brother* – heart issues
Charlotte: *Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie* – financial, strength (L)
Clinton – recovering from surgery; grieving
The Conrad Family – *our missionaries in Mexico*
Cynthia – our TGSLC shut-in
Dalton – chronic sciatica
David - DD shut-in
Debra: *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer
The DeGroot Family and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church – *our missionaries in Albuquerque*
Deneice – breast cancer recovery
Rev. Ed Killian – recovering from systemic bacterial infections
Gerald: *friend of Marlene* – cancer; strength and comfort in the loss of 2 sons
Irmgard: *friend of Pr&K* – 89 y.o. with heart, lung, and vision issues; surgery recovery
Rev. James Kollie: *Jamesetta's father and our Missionary in Liberia*; wisdom and strength (L)
Janice: *member at St Philip Compton* – breast cancer recovery
Jod – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident

Johnathan – strengthening of faith; continued cancer remission
Katheryn: *Karina's mother* - various health issues
Ken: *friend of Pr&K* – wisdom
Kevin – at university
Lois: *friend of Marlene* – strength and comfort
Lucy – peace of mind, strength, resettlement process (K)
Lynette – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues
Marc – complications with diabetes
Maria: *friend of Marlene* - recovery from gall bladder surgery
Marie – recovering from surgery
Marilyn: *Stephen's mother* - various health issues
Marion and her family – various health issues around the country
Marjorie: *mother of Pr. Rob't Green* – 87 y.o. in final stages of bladder cancer (Ohio)
Martin: *friend of Karina* – financial, various health (K)
Melessa: *friend of Stephanie* – swallowing issues
Michele: *friend of Pr&K* - strength
Philip: *friend of Marlene and Stephanie* – metastasized colon cancer
Philip Magness: *our missionary to Francophone Africa*
Rodgers: *friend of Pr&K* – employment (K)
Royce – health issues
Stephen – COPD, other health issues
Susan: *friend of Pr&K* – financial, good health (K)
Tuomo Simojoki: *our LHF missionary in Kenya* – severe attacks from the Enemy as he shares the Word in East Africa (K)
Walter Steele – *our missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya* (K)

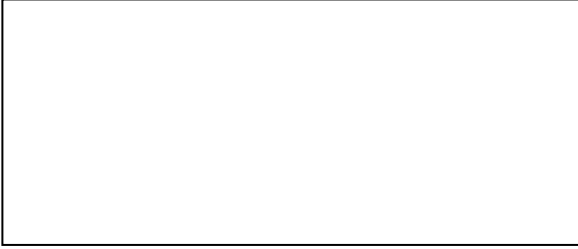
(K) – person living in Kenya

(L) – person living in Liberia

You may notice we have an extensive prayer list. **It is our joy to pray for you!** Check out the **Picture Board in the Narthex** of those for whom we are praying, to put faces to names. If you'd like someone to be added, or one of yours removed, just let Karina know.

Sermon Notes

Scripture Text



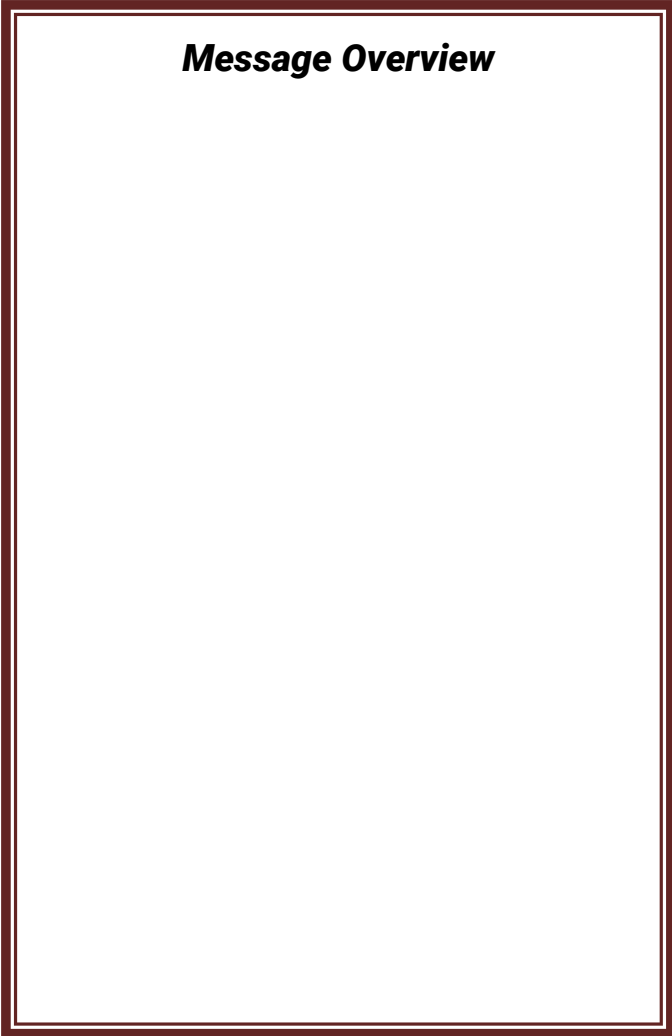
Key Points on Law/Sin/Repentance



Key Points on Gospel/Grace/Love



Message Overview



Things to Study Further

