

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2020

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entryway. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system that is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

<p><u><i>Before Service Prayer:</i></u> All-powerful Father, Christ Your Son became man for us and was presented in the temple. May He free our hearts from sin and bring us into Your presence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
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Today's Theme: We consider today Jesus' incarnation and presentation in the temple. As Jesus comes down from heaven, the world will never be the same. The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us, changing the world and us. As you listen and sing of God's salvation this day, consider God's transformative power. Nothing is too big for Him. He transforms us from sin to forgiveness, and He transforms us again today.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 226 "To Your Temple I Draw Near"

Stand

Invocation

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

Congregation: 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 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.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -".

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 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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: Amen.

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:21–28 (Hannah gives her son Samuel to the Lord’s service.)

²¹ When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow, ²² Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

²³ “Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good His word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of Him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sunday School and Preschool Song: “Let Your Light Shine”

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14–18 (Since Jesus suffers and is tempted as we are, He is able to help us through suffering and temptation.)

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For

this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (NIV 2011)

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel. Alleluia. (Luke 2:34b)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Luke 2:22–32 (33–40)** (*Jesus is presented in the temple.*)

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for Him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as You have promised,
You may now dismiss Your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

³¹ which You have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

The Hymn of the Day: CW 78 “O Light of Gentile Nations”

The Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Children’s Sermon

The Offering

The Offertory

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer



1 Hal - low - ed be Your name. Fa - ther, hear our prayer.
2 Keep us from ev - 'ry ill, from the e - vil one.



Let Your good will be done here and ev - 'ry - where.
Grant us grace bought for us by Your ho - ly Son.



Fa - ther who art in heav'n, let Your king - dom come.
You a - lone have the pow'r and the glo - ry, Lord.



Ev - 'ry day, give us bread; thank You for the sum.
You a - lone reign as King, ev - er - more a - dored.



And for - give us our sins as we, too, for - give.
Hear us call on Your name here on earth be - low.



Lead us from all that tempts all the days we live.
Now we sing Your a - men; yes, it shall be so!

P: Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Let Your Spirit use Your Word to stir our hearts, that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: (tune CW 388)

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen Your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
NO Confirmation Class (Super Bowl Sunday)

Wednesday—Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool Open House from 6:30-8:00 PM

Friday—NO Men's Bible Class

Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class at 10:45 AM
NO Confirmation Class (Pastor out-of-town)

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A new sheet has been posted for the new year. Thanks to those who have signed up. Today, let's fill up February!

Adult Bible Class will meet in the New Life Café this morning at 10:45 AM. Class is using the Growing in Grace catechism curriculum.

The Branch Connection will be hosting a "Ladies Night Out" at the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Vernon Hills on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM. The Lazy Dog is located on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue just north of the intersection of Hwy. 60 and Milwaukee Ave. Sign up on the sheet downstairs and plan to spend an enjoyable evening with other ladies of New Life.

A Lenten Meal sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thrivent monies are available to purchase food, just need people to host the supper. Sign up today!

Pastor Bauer and Rachel will be out of town this week. In case of emergency, call New Life's Chairman, Mike Spangle at (847) 239-3615.

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