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The Purification of Mary
and
The Presentation of our Lord



*Alleluia. Behold, this child is appointed for the fall
and rising of many in Israel. Alleluia.*

Luke 2:34b

Divine Service

Setting One

Hymn of Invocation

519 {tune: Regent Square}

Confession & Absolution

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Introit

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 forever.

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.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Kyrie

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Salutation & Collect

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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.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21-28 (ESV)

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. 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." 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. 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. Then they slaughtered the

bull, and they brought the child to Eli. 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. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. 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.

Gradual

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 Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (ESV)

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

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-32 (ESV)

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 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

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. 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. 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, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have

prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.



In our thoughts and prayers,

† Rev. Allan Eppen (Edgeley/Forbes), Lori Kuschel,
Ray Lang (brother of Lorraine Sorge), Deane Weidner,
& Julie Westemeier.

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 99 Offerings: \$2,459.00

*“... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord,
‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’ ”*

Luke 2:24

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.

Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord. In the Old Testament, the firstborn child had to be redeemed, “bought back”, with a sacrifice (see Leviticus 12). This was a reminder of the firstborn of Egypt who had died when the Lord set His people free. So in accordance with Old Testament, 40 days after His birth, Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple where they meet righteous and devout Simeon. As Simeon holds the child, he prays, “Now You are letting Your servant depart in peace (Lk 2:29).” Having received the Body and Blood of Him whom Simeon held all those centuries ago, we pray with him, “I can just die now, Lord. Take me home! I’ve seen your salvation.” Visitors, please sign our guestbook and worship with us again soon.

Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue *Every One His Witness*, a program designed to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel in their everyday lives with the people whom God has placed into relationships with us. *Every One His Witness*, is a low-pressure, natural approach to folks who need Christ. Let’s go (Mark 1:38)!



Our Annual Voters Meeting will be next Sunday, February 9th, following worship. Unapproved minutes from the November 17, 2019, are on the table in the social hall. Potluck will follow the Voters meeting.



There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the social hall to volunteer to run the iPad for Sunday morning worship. We can always use more volunteers!

Thank you to Tracy Backus, Jean Bornemann, Faye Schaan, and Cynthia Zahn for providing bars/cookies for fellowship in January.

The February calendar, birthday & anniversary sheet, council minutes, and *Portals of Prayer* booklets are in the social hall.

The February Human Care Project is collecting TUNA for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave items in shelving unit in entryway.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
Monday	9:30 am	Circuit Pastors @ Underwood
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting

To Amend Standard Operating Procedure L.1.

Current

L. Director of Parish Fellowship

- 1. Shall be a male voting member.**

Proposed

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**Submitted by the Church Council to Voters
Assembly for consideration at their February 9,
2020 meeting.**

