THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – We consider today the witness of God’s faithful servants Simeon and Anna. As they beheld Jesus in the temple, they were overcome with joy and proclaimed the good news of God’s redemption and salvation. Jesus came into our world as light and peace. As you listen and sing of God’s salvation this day, may you be filled with the joy and peace that filled Simeon and Anna.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME [Please fill out prayer request cards.]
[Meas please stand; Means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN O Love, How Deep
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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no angel to our race,
3 For us baptized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
5 For us by wick- ed-ness be- trayed,

Be- yond all thought and fan- ta- sy,
Of high- er or of low- er place,
His ho- ly fast and hun- gered sore;
For us His dai- ly works He wrought,
For us, in crown of thorns ar- rayed,

(continued)
That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of human frame,
For us temp-ta-tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac-tions thus
He bore the shame-ful cross and death;

Our mor-tal form for mor-tals' sake!
And to this world Him-self He came.
For us the tempt-er o-ver threw.
Still seek-ing not Him-self but us.
For us He gave His dy-ing breath.

6. For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7. All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
P In the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.
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 & FORGIVENESS
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
(Silence for meditation and reflection)
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.
INTROIT
Ps. 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: Ps. 48:9

P We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
C in the city of our God!
P His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
C Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
P Within her citadels
C 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.

All: 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,
C in the midst of your temple.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the people of God, and
4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has been

blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain
honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain
join in the hymn of all creation: Stanza 4
God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain
gun His reign. Alleluia. Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.
ALLELUIA VERSE

G Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY In His Temple Now Behold Him

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1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex - pected Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him, God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him, His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.

2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be - hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him, Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!

3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You, weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion, Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
SERMON  “JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE TEMPLE”  Luke 2:22-32

I. Simeon and Anna greet infant Jesus when He is brought into the temple.
II. Their greetings and blessings confirm Jesus' identity as the Messiah, and His mission to save humanity.

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / HANDBELLS

OFFERTORY  “It Is Well with My Soul”

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U-nite them with the prayers we
of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with Your pres-ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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, 
C hear our prayer.

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, 
C hear our prayer.

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,
C hear our prayer.

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,
C hear our prayer.

P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

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.

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, who, sharing Your eternal splendor, was presented on this day in Your temple in the substance of our human flesh and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:
C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. 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, renew, and strengthen 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.

THE 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 to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: “Peace be with you. And also with you.”)
Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, on the way As the Light of Light, descending sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence

For with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descend In the body and the blood, He will give to all the From the realms of endless day, Comes the pow’rs of hell to As with ceaseless voice they cry: “Alleluia, alleluia! Comes our homage to demand. faith ful His own self for heav’nly food. vanquish As the darkness clears away, lu ia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

1 The infant Priest was holy born For us un-
2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was i - con
3 The holy Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the

ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from
forth came He, An - oint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.
Him re -ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6. The body of God's Lamb we eat; 7. With cherubim and seraphim
A priestly food and priestly meat; Our voices join the endless hymn,
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
His quenching blood that life restores. To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

There Is A Redeemer

1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

Prec - ious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Prec - ious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ner's slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,
(continued)
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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 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.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
2 This is the Savior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

(continued)
Your word is now ful-filled. These eyes have seen sal-
The Gen-tiles' prom-ised light, God's glo-ry dwell-ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa-ther, Son, and
va-tion's dawn, This child so long fore-told.
in our midst, The joy of Is-ra-el.
Spir-it blest Be hon-or, love, and praise.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Albumblatt" by E. L. Ashford

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

February 9: "Break Through the No-Go Zone": Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; Speaker
Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough. (Genesis 43-45)