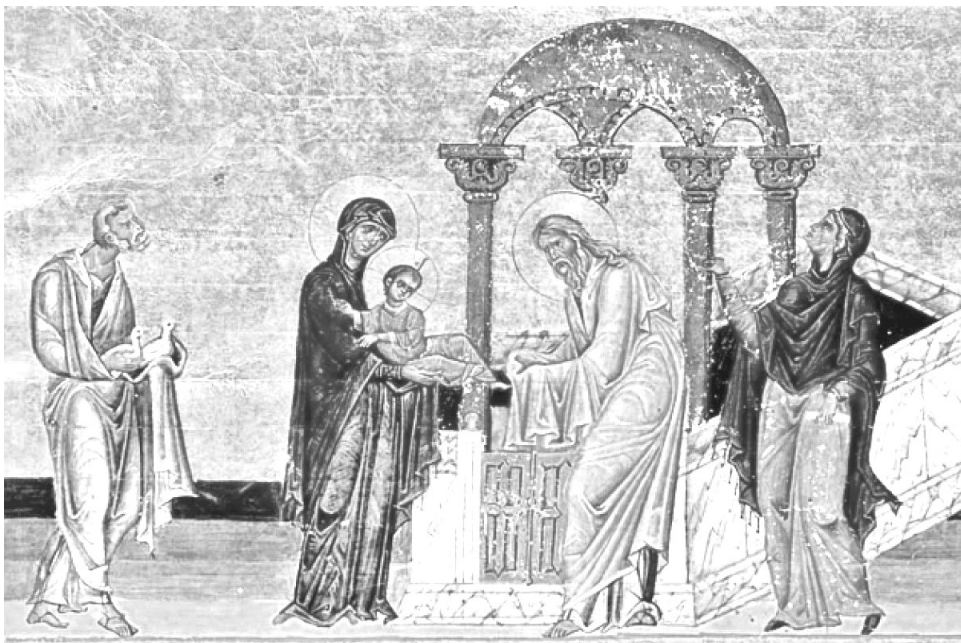


# THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Thursday 2 February A✠D 2023



## OUR SAVIOR

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✠ Hymns ✠

901

938

519

### This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

### ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

6:00pm

#### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity.*

*Please STAND at the sound of the tolls and face the Processional Crucifix.*

#### THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who illumines everyone who comes into the world: we beseech You to pour out Your ✠ blessing on these and all the church's candles, and ✠ sanctify them with the light of Your grace; and mercifully grant that even as their flame scatters the darkness of night; so our

hearts, being inflamed with the inward brightness of Your Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity; and that the eyes of our souls may clearly perceive that which is well-pleasing in Your sight and profitable for our salvation; and that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world are passed, we may come to the never-failing Light, through You, O blessed Jesus, Redeemer of the world, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



O Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared among men in the substance of our flesh, and on this day was presented by Mary and Joseph in the temple, and whom the venerable Simeon, being enlightened by the light of Your Spirit, knew and blessed by taking You in his arms: mercifully grant that the grace of the same Holy Spirit may also enlighten and instruct us; so that we may confess You truly and love You faithfully, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*The candles are lit, from hand to hand, beginning with the pastor, who lights his from a candle on Christ's holy altar. Tilt your unlit candle toward the flame to light it and hold it upright thenceforth. Once all candles are lit, the pastor will return from the rear of the nave to the chancel via the middle aisle. He will stop at the baptismal font to reverence the fully lit altar of Christ, thus giving praise to God for the Eternal Light that shines upon each of us in the darkness in which we dwell. The congregation is invited to follow the pastor, reverence (bow) toward Christ's altar while at the font, and turn to the right or left to return to the pews via the outside aisles. During this procession, the pastor will chant the antiphonal Nunc Dimittis on the next page. He will repeat the canticle as many times as needed to allow as many as wish to reverence the altar to do so.*



| A light | to lighten the / Gentiles,  
and the glory of thy / people Israel.  
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- / part in peace,  
according / to thy word:—

*antiphon*

For mine eyes have seen thy sal- / vation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face / of all people;

*antiphon*

*Once all have returned to their seats, the pastor will pause briefly, then we conclude with the Gloria Patri.*

***Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the / Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.***

| A light | to lighten the / Gentiles,  
and the glory of thy / people Israel.

### THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, who has given Your Son to be our Savior, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel, we beseech You, enlighten our hearts that we may know Your grace and Fatherly will toward us, and obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me, Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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*Please EXTINGUISH your candle.*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 48:9; PSALM 48:1-3, 8



|We have| thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,  
 In the midst / of thy temple.

**Great is the LORD, and greatly / to be praised  
 In the city of our God,  
 in the mountain / of his holiness.**



Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,  
is mount / Zion,  
On the sides of the north, the city of / the great King.—  
**God is known in her palaces for a / refuge.**  
**As we have / heard, so have we seen**  
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our / Gôd:  
God will establish / it for ever.

***Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the / Holy Spirit;***  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.**

| We have | thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,  
In the midst / of thy temple.

### THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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



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

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



Glory be to God on high: 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;



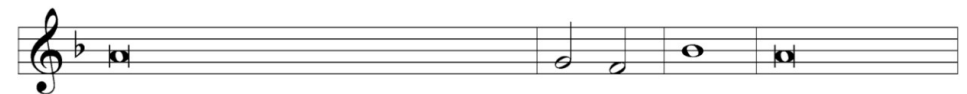
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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,

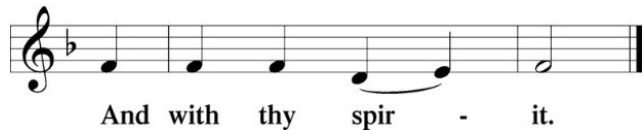


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.



*SIT*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

MALACHI 3:1-4

*Thus says the LORD God:* "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. "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 launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years," says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

PSALM 48:1, 8A, 9



Great is the LORD, and greatly / to be praised  
In the city of our God, in the mountain / of his holiness.

**As we have heard, so / have we seen**

**In the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city / of our God.-**

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O / Gôd,  
In the midst / of thy temple.

## THE EPISTLE

HEBREWS 2:14-18

*Brethren:* Inasmuch as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

ST. LUKE 2:34B



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

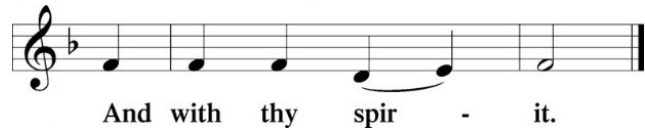
**Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again  
of many in / Israel;**

**and for a sign which shall be spoken against./ Alleluia!**

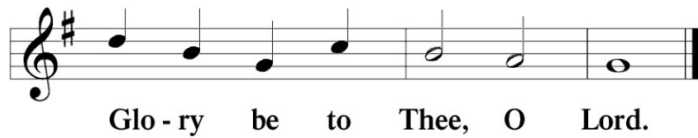
## THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 2:22-32

The Lord be with you.



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



✠ When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who 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." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just 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. So he came by 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 which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## THE 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*

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY

938 *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

## THE SERMON

*STAND*

## THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12





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.

*SIT*

**THE OFFERING**

*In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

*STAND*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

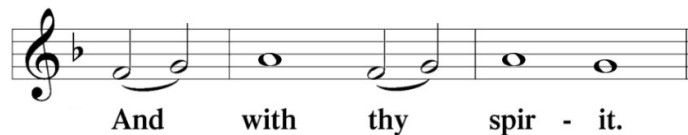
*The candles are lit again hand to hand from the altar to celebrate the Coming of the Light of the World to us now in Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.*

*The candles remain lit until the conclusion of* **THE AGNUS DEI.**

**THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

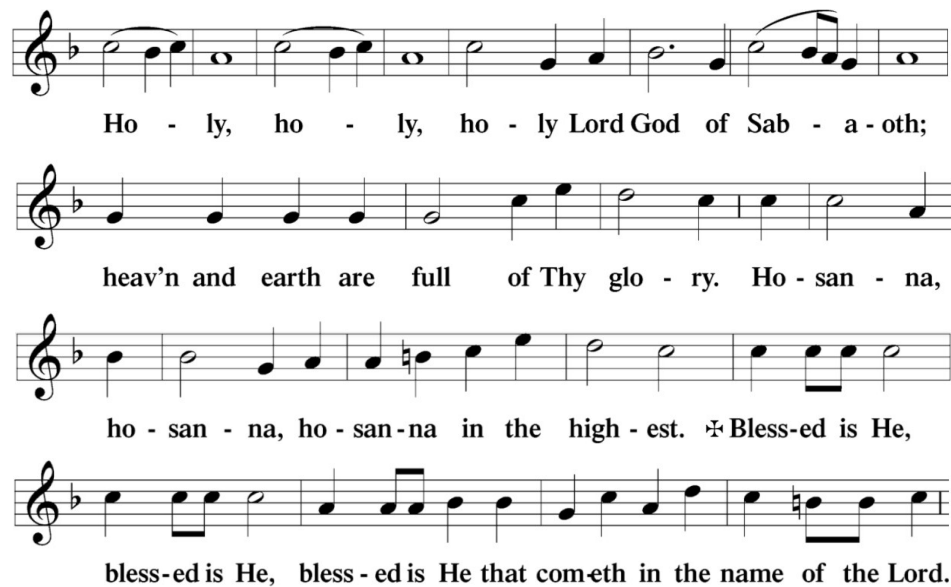


It is meet and right so to do.

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

**THE SANCTUS**

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.

### THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

### THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

### THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



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.

*Please EXTINGUISH your candle.*

*SIT*

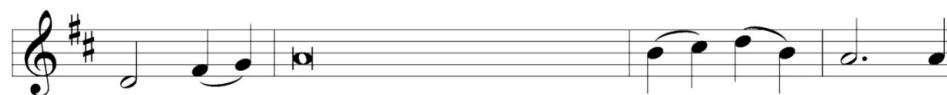
### THE COMMUNION HYMN

*519 In His Temple Now Behold Him*

*STAND*

### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



Lord, now letteth 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.

**THE THANKSGIVING**

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech 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.

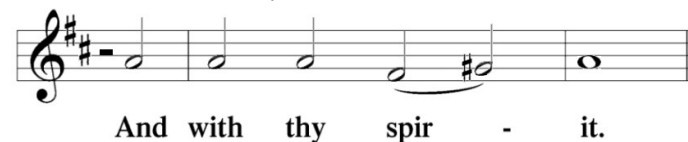


A - men.

**THE SALUTATION**

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.




And with thy spir - it.

**THE BENEDICAMUS**

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

**THE BENEDICTION**

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



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

**THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE**

*Please face the Procession as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.*



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