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The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord
Candlemas Day

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup
Readers: Scott Krause
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624:1,3-5,7

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born for us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, anointed from eternity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came to God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, this Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, as at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive the bread of immortality.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing to Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

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.**

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.**

P Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 48

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.



G 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.

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

G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sit

A The Old Testament Reading for the Feast of the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord is from first Samuel, chapter one.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

**O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

A The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter two.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-32

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And when 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 (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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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In His Temple Now Behold Him

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- 1 In His temple now behold Him, see the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed shall break forth with one accord.
- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him ere in perfect faith they die.
Alleluia, alleluia! Lo, th'incarnate God Most High!
- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation, when they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation, seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory to Your Father, cleansed and pure.

SERMON

“Wait and See”

Stand

OFFERTORY

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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- P** 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.
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn, this child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles’ promised light,
God’s glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.
- △3 With saints of old, with saints to come, to You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest be honor, love, and praise.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

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

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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PAULINE BENEDICTION



IN OUR PRAYERS: Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Kathy Cecere, Tara Grey, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio, David Perry, Richie LaPresti, Lydia Foley

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Tuesday 10:00AM — Bible Study

Tuesday 6:30PM — Confirmation Class