



The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025-10:00am

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church

Webster, Wisconsin

Introduction

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

GATHERING

We gather as God's People

PRELUDE Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on Regent Square *David Lasky*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN Gather Us In *ELW 532*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria

ELW Setting 2



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Holy and ever loving God, in the mystery of signs, symbols, rituals, and sacred promise, the small child Jesus was brought to the temple in order to fulfill the expectations of those who understood obedience primarily as keeping the law. Remind us instead, that community is strengthened through

our rituals, and practices both old and new which bind us together with shared and powerful symbols. Simeon and Ana saw your hand in the performance of ritual at the temple., Reveal yourself also to us this morning through our ancient words and symbols.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

WORD

We hear God's word

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84 Blessed Are They That Dwell In Your House



Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. —



Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. —

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out
to the living God.

2. Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
forever singing your praise.
Blessed the people whose strength is in you,
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

3. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
look on the face of your anointed.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to

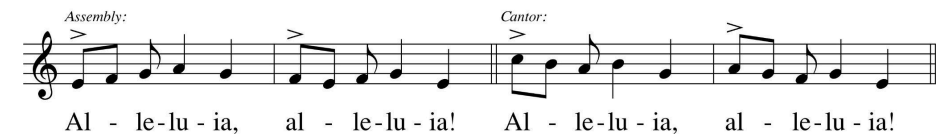
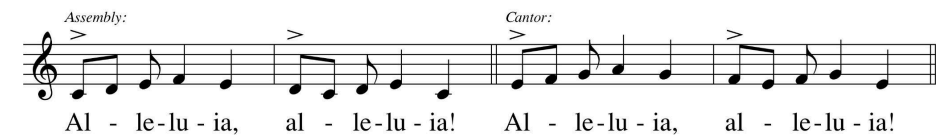
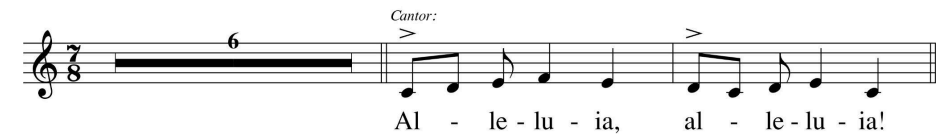
help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



Music: *Joyful Alleluia*; Howard Hughes, SM, © 1973, 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.

*My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.*

HOLY GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:22-40

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 firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

Pastor Carolyn Mowchan

HYMN OF THE DAY In His Temple Now Behold Him ELW 417

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Response

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Musette

Gordon Young

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;



Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace,
your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

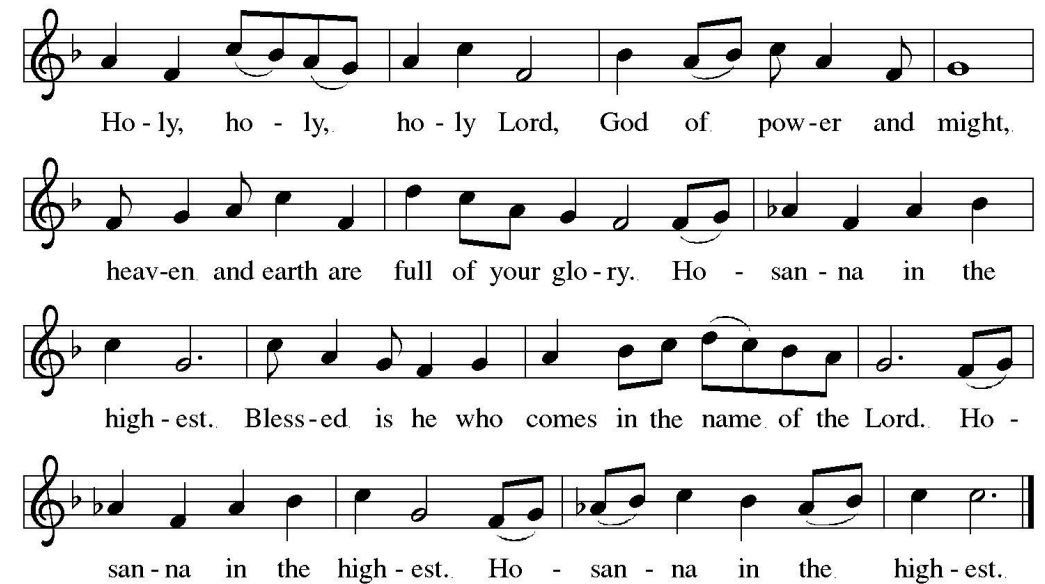
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places

HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
 and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
 Come, eat this meal of gladness.
 All are welcome at God's Table

COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG When It Seems The Day Will End

1 When it seems the day will end, and all
 2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
 3 When it seems the day will end, and a
 light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
 low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
 cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
 gain, and with you now en - ter in.
 been, and our hearts will be your home.



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
 at this table you have refreshed us
 with holy gifts of food and drink.
 Strengthen us for service,
 and send us out to embody your good news
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God,
 loving all your family with a mother's tender care:
 As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,
 assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
 with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned.
 In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those
 who will receive this sacrament,
 and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
 through the body and blood of your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
 ☩ bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.

Amen.

BENEDICTION SONG

May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
 May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
 May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
 May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

This Little Light

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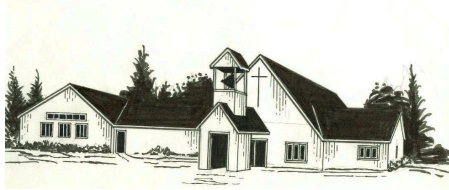
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PRAYER CONCERNS: *Marylin Anderson, Elaine Davis, Clint Erickson, Anne Gelein, Barb Henderson, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Mildred Speidel, Judy Stratton, Barb Umholtz, and Dorothy VanPykeren. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.*

Please note that our Communion Bread is now Gluten free, so those with Celiac disease and gluten sensitivities can also participate.

If you have announcements for the bulletin or to add anything to the monthly calendar, please contact Jen Hammond at the church office: aandhlclc@gmail.com or 715-635-7791. Please have them submitted by Monday the following week to be included in the next bulletin.



Church Office Hours:

Office Assistant - Mondays - 9 am - 1pm

Bookkeeping - Tuesdays - 9 am – 1 pm

This week at Lakeside:

Monday, 2-3	NO ADRC Meal 6 pm -Yoga
Tuesday, 2-4	9:00 am - Mission Quilters No ADRC 7 pm- AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 2-5	9 am- Yoga 9:30 am - Bible Study
Thursday, 2-6	Fellowship at JoMama's 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Women's Coffee 9:30 am - Community Quilters Foot Clinic NO ADRC Meal
Friday, 2-7	NO ADRC Meal Foot Clinic
Sunday, 2-9	9 am - Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Pastor Susan Odegard

