

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presentation of our Lord – February 02nd, 2025 (11:11 am)

THE BUCKET LIST

Psalm 84
1 Sam. 1:21–28
Heb. 2:14–18
Luke 2:22–40

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *"As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD"* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *"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"* (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *"in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and *"depart in peace"* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

WELCOME – (Deanna)

GATHERING SONG

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord hath made
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made

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HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on

To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise

How can I ever say enough

How amazing is Your love

How can I keep from shouting Your name

I know I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart (want to sing)

I will lift my eyes

In the darkest night

For I know my Savior lives

And I will walk with You

Knowing You'll see me through

And sing the songs You give

I can sing in the troubled times

Sing when I win

I can sing when I lose my step

And fall down again

I can sing 'cause You pick me up

Sing 'cause You're there

I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord

When I call to You in prayer

I can sing with my last breath

Sing for I know

That I'll sing with the angels

And the saints around the throne

I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart

I am loved by the King

And it makes my heart want to sing

Yeah I can sing

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

C – Lord God, our stubborn will often moves us to our own way without any regard for Your holy will. We often find ourselves moving out of Your light and into the darkness

of our own sinful world. Forgive us, O Lord, grant us power to amend our sinful ways. Hear us, kind Father, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother. Amen.

P - The God who hears our confession is also the God who says, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

C - Amen.

KID'S SONG - AND JESUS GREW

KID'S MOMENT (Gerry)

WORSHIP SONG - THANKS AND PRAISE

We are here together
To lift our hearts as one
We're in our Father's presence
His Spirit is with us

It is good to lift the name of the Lord our God

It is right to give Him thanks and praise

For His heart is overflowing with love for us

And His mercy we can never contain

And each and every morning
We'll tell of His great love
Of all His faithful mercies
And all that He has done

For who can match His kindness

And who can count His works

Oh let our praise continue

'Til evening draws in close

Glory honour wisdom power and strength

To our Saviour Jesus worthy of all praise

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BIBLE READINGS

1 SAM. 1:21–28

Samuel Given to the LORD

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But 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.” ²³Elkanah 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. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull,^[a] an ephah^[b] of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And 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. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

HEB. 2:14–18

¹⁴Since 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, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore 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. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

LUKE 2:22–40

Jesus Presented at the Temple

²²And 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 ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant^[a] depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.^[b] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

WORSHIP SONG - SIMEON'S SONG

MESSAGE - "THE BUCKET LIST" - Luke 2:22-40

WORSHIP SONG - I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord
Were You to count my sinful ways

How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You I will wait for You

On Your word I will rely

I will wait for You surely wait for You

Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave
His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

I will wait for You I will wait for You

Through the storm and through the night

I will wait for You surely wait for You

For Your love is my delight

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)

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.

PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

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'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (**Pastor**)

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 his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this 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**

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

DISTRIBUTION – SONGS: "ADORATION"; "AMAZING GRACE" AND "BE THE CENTRE"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (Pastor)

NUNC DIMITIS – SONG OF SIMEON (Luke 2:29-32)

C – Lord, now You let your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. *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.*

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (Pastor)

P – The grace of our Lord *JESUS CHRIST* and the love of *GOD* and the communion of the *HOLY SPIRIT* be with you all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL SONG – SHOUT HALLELUJAH

Shout hallelujah

Shout hallelujah

Shout hallelujah unto the Lord

Sing aloud to God

Let the people shout before His throne hallelujah

Sing aloud to God

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

From the ends of the earth

From the depths of the sea

Let all creation praise His name

Shout hallelujah

Shout hallelujah

Shout hallelujah unto the Lord

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