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February 2, 2020 - Presentation of Our Lord
10:30 AM - Holy Communion - ELW Setting 2

Prelude and Welcome

* Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters

C: Amen.

L: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God who searches us and knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

L: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child, ☩ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.

* Sharing of the Peace

* Gathering Song . . . . *"In a Lowly Manger Born"* . . . . **ELW #718**

* Greeting *(Pastor))* . . . . . ELW page 120

* Hymn of Praise . . . . . *"Glory to God …"*. . . . . **ELW #164**

* Prayer of the Day *(Lay Worship Assistant)* . . . . . TR

First Reading . . . . . **Malachi 3:1-4** . . . . . TR

Psalm 84 *(read responsively)* . . . . . TR

Second Reading . . . . . **Hebrews 2:14-18** . . . . . TR

* Gospel Acclamation *(spoken)* . . . . *"Alleluia …"* . . . ELW page 124

* Gospel . . . . . **Luke 2:22-40** . . . . . TR

Children's Sermon

Sermon - *"Christ … Like Us, but More"*

* Hymn of the Day . . . . . *"In His Temple" (vss 1-2)* . . . . **ELW #417**

***** Apostles' Creed . . . . . ELW page 127

* Prayers of Intercession *- each prayer bid ends with these words:*

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offering

Choir Anthem . . "*Happy Are the Lowly Poor" . .* Hilton Kean Jones

*Offertory Song . . . . . *"Take, Oh, Take Me" . . . . . .* **ELW #814**

* Offering Prayer *(Lay Worship Assistant)*

The Holy Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving (*sung)* . . . . . ELW page 129

* Preface for the Epiphany Season (*sung by Pastor)* ELW page 130

* "*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"* (*sung)* . . . . . ELW page 130

* Special Eucharistic Prayer Epiphany Season *(Pastor)*

* The Lord's Prayer . . . . . ELW page 134

* "*Lamb of God"* (*sung)* . . . . . ELW page 135

Invitation to Communion – *"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy."*

Distribution of Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome at our celebration of the Lord's Supper. Small children and those who have not previously received the Sacrament are welcome to come forward for bread and a blessing. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available for those who request them. Please follow the directions of the ushers.

Hymn during Distribution . . *"What Child is This?" . .* **ELW #296**

Communion Blessing after all have communed *(Pastor)*

Prayer after Communion *(Lay Worship Assistant)*
Mission Announcements
* Special Blessing for Epiphany Season *(Pastor)*
* Sending Song . . . . . *"In His Temple" (vss 3-4)* . . . . . **ELW #417**
Dismissal P: Go in peace. Let your light shine. **C: Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

The Asterisk (*) indicates to please stand if you are able; ELW is the red "Evangelical Lutheran Worship' in the pew rack.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

If you would like more information about this community of faith, please speak to Pastor Deal.

Serving in our worship this morning:

Council Communion Assistants: Cathy Mueller, Kathy Hlavaty
Acolyte & Youth Communion Assistant . . . Nicholas Phillipps
Greeters . . . . . Linda and David Sauter
Lay Worship Assistant . . . . . Kerri Rhine
Head Usher . . . . . Miriam Anderson
Altar Guild . . . . . Serena Ashmore, Mary Crouse
Counters . . . . . Cathy Mueller, Kathy Hlavaty
Organist/Choir Director . . . . . Carolyn Williams
Parish Secretary . . . . . Ann Wong
Custodian . . . . . Dianna Streletz
Attendance: January 26 - Christian Ed: 18; Worship: 45.
The altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Evelyn Newcomb by Lynn, Tim, and Clayton Leichliter.

CALENDAR

Care-A-Lot Preschool meets Tues.-Thurs. 9 AM-noon.

TODAY, Sunday, February 2 - Presentation of Our Lord - Souper Sunday of Caring

9:00 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Holy Communion

NEXT Sunday, February 9 - Pastor David Deal will be attending the Upper Bucks Conference Confirmation Retreat. Rev. Donna Deal will be the preacher for the day!

Wednesday, February 19 - SOUP SUPPER - 4-6:30 PM - Cream of Broccoli and Chicken Noodle - All proceeds go to feed the hungry.

Sunday, February 23 - Annual Congregational Meeting following worship - Elections - Plans for the Future - Food & Fellowship. Snow date is March 2.

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Malachi 3:1-4

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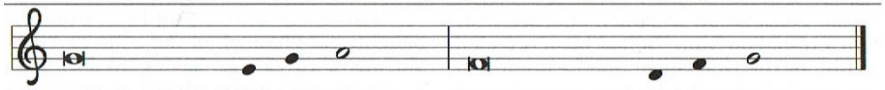
the way before me, and the Lord whom
you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom
you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. [2]But who can endure the
day of his coming, and who can stand when
he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3]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. [4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm

Psalm 84; tone 1



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and the God of gods
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give ear, O | God of Jacob.
[9]Behold our defend- | er, O God;
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I would rather stand at the threshold
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[11]For the LORD God
is both sun and shield,
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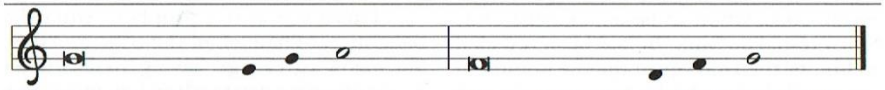

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Since, therefore, the children share flesh
and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared
the same things, so that through death he
might destroy the one who has the power
of death, that is, the devil, [15]and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the
fear of death. [16]For it is clear that he did not
come to help angels, but the descendants
of Abraham. [17]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. [18]Because he himself was tested by
what he suffered, he is able to help those
who are being tested.

Gospel — 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 [23](as it is written in
the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male
shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),
[24]and they offered a sacrifice according to
what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair
of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

[25]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. [26]It had been revealed
to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not
see death before he had seen the Lord's
Messiah. [27]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,
[28]Simeon took him in his arms and praised
God, saying,

[29]"Master, now you are dismissing your
servant in peace,
according to your word;
[30]for my eyes have seen your salvation,
[31]which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,
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[33]And the child's father and mother
were amazed at what was being said about
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for the falling and the rising of many in
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[36]There was also a prophet, Anna the
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