

WELCOME HOME!

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
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Presentation of Our Lord

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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.

Presentation of Our Lord

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GATHERING SONG *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN *In His Temple Now Behold Him* **ELW 417**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

Holy and faithful God,
we so often choose our own way instead of yours.
We think we can evade your commandments.
We have spoken in ways that kill,
strayed with our hearts,

betrayed friends, and hated enemies.
 We have broken our promises.
 Search us deeply and create us anew.
 Lift the heavy burden of our sin
 and free us to follow your way of life.
Amen.

"Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer."
 Our God has come among us to loose every bond
 and set us free from all that weighs us down.
 Receive the forgiveness of all your sins
 in the name of + Jesus Christ,
 our crucified and risen Savior.
Amen.

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 *Glory*

Geoff Bullock

CHORUS

Glo - - ry to the King of kings.
 Maj - es - ty, pow'r and strength to the Lord of lords.

VERSE

1. Ho - ly One, all cre - a - tion crowns You_ King of king.
 2. Je - sus, Lord, with eyes un - veiled we will see Your throne.

to Chorus

Ho - ly One, King of kings, Lord of lords, Ho - ly One.
 Je - sus, Prince of Peace, Son of God, Em-man-u - el.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for You.**

Children are now invited to the library for Sunday School.

WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1–4

This reading concludes a larger section (2:17 -- 3:5) in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendents of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.

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 *Read responsively. Congregation reads the bold print.*

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,

and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God;

and look upon the face of your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the LORD God is both sun and shield,

bestowing grace and glory;

no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts,

happy are they who put their trust in you!

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14–18

Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high

priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he 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.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



5102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.

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 (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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Liz Thayer

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

vs. 1, 3

Please stand.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For messengers of the gospel throughout the world, that the light of Christ be made present to all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of the earth and all its inhabitants, and for those who advocate for the just use of resources, that all creation continue to thrive, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world—the prosperous and the poor, the peaceful and the perilous—that leaders work toward the betterment of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick, the suffering, the imprisoned, and all who need help for any reason especially Susan Shrum and family, Trenton, Larry Ludwig and family, Jo Botts, Ray Rollins, Anne Harrington and Nanette Jauregui, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those gathered in this house of worship, that we continue to praise God, rejoice at the salvation brought about through Christ, and be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who died in the faith, that by their witness we live in confidence that Christ has destroyed death and brought about life eternal, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The Offering is received as the table is prepared.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Nunc Dimittis

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, | 1. | 2.

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre

Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, O Lord, and take not Thy

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal -

va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister:

God of all creation,
 all you have made is good,
 and your love endures forever.
 You bring forth bread from the earth
 and fruit from the vine.
 Nourish us with these gifts,
 that we might be for the world
 signs of your gracious presence
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all place give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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:

S108

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One,

the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you

for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you

in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you

for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you

in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you

for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you

**for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.**

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

As Christ has taught us, we pray:

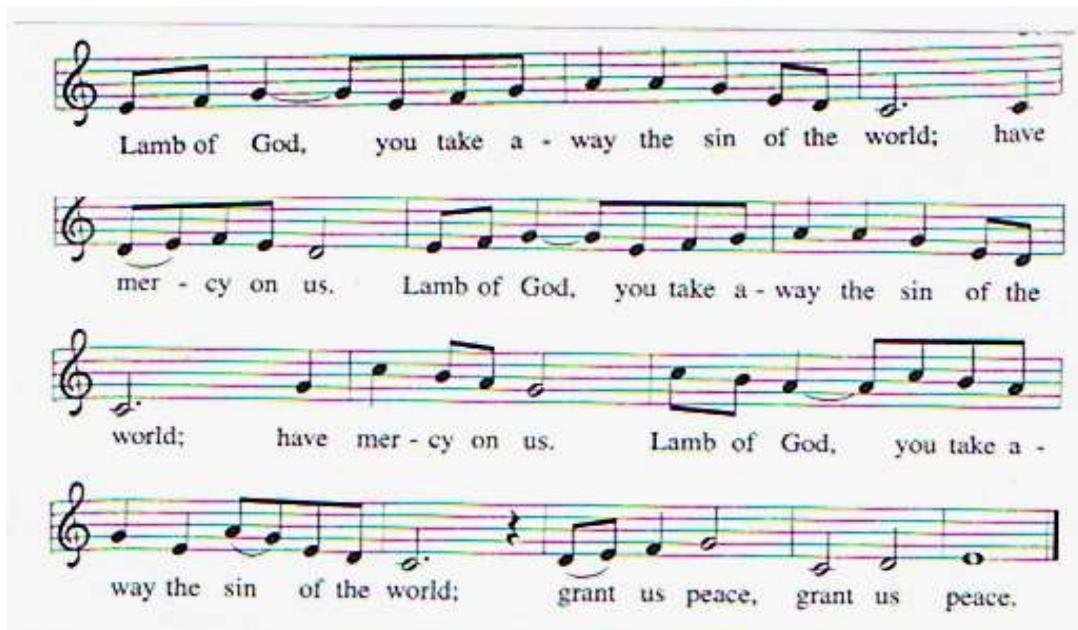
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world!
Blessed are all who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*



The image shows a musical score for the Communion Song 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '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, grant us peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

COMMUNION SONG *As the Deer*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister:

Lord, it is good for us to be here,
for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal.
Continue your goodness as we go out from here.
Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person,
and send us to be your servants in every place,
for you are the life and light of all,
both now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*.

May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please stand.

BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* **ELW 313**

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister:

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *The congregation is invited to stay and listen.*

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Welcome to Faith Church: We are a group of flawed people, joining together to be a part of God's family. Welcome to you as we worship together! Please worship with us again!

Sign-In books located at the end of each pew are an important way for you to communicate with us and for the office to know who is here. If you are receiving Communion, be sure to check the "Communion" box.



Announcements

Lunch with the pastor is Sunday, Feb. 16, following the service. Please see sign-ups in the Narthex for food (sandwiches, veg. tray, fruit, chips and dip). A freewill offering basket will be available for monetary gifts to help our delegates and Pastor attend the annual Synod meeting in May. The destination is Hawaii so delegate expenses will be much higher than usual.



Sick and Shut-ins: Do you know someone who can't make it to church and would like to receive communion or have someone pray with them? Call for a Caring Servant at the church office, 790-1816, or Nelson Hall at 790-1603.

Stewardship of Service		
	February 2	February 9
Asst. Minister	Gerry Witwer	Michael Shea
Comm. Asst.	Gerry Witwer	Michael Shea
Reader	Ned Morgan	Carol Jensen
Ushers	Pat and George Motschall	Sharon and Steve Cady
Acolyte	Brooke Willett	Cami Kirker
Soundboard	Alec Blue	Stephen Botts
Altar Care	Steve and Sharon Cady	Steve and Sharon Cady
Lock-up	George Motschall	George Motschall

This Week at Faith	
Sunday	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Team practice 10:30 am Worship service
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday	10:00 am Alanon 11:00 am Preschool Chapel
Wednesday	9:30 am Deborah/Sarah Circle 6:30 pm Faith Ringers practice 7:15 pm Chancel Choir practice 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	6:30 pm Worship Service in the chapel
Friday	7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	7:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am Alcoholic Anonymous