

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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February 2, 2025
The Presentation of Our Lord
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Service Notes: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #77 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

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In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him; See the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pres - en - ta - tion, You who did for



pect - ed Lord. An - cient proph - ets had fore - told him;
 hold him lie, While his a - ged saints a - dore him
 us en - dure, Let us see your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled his Word. Now to praise him,
 Ere in faith and hope they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Seal us with your prom - ise sure, And pre - sent us



his re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See th' in - car - nate God most high!
 in your glo - ry To your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

Text: Harry J. Pye, c. 1825–1903, alt.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (87 87 87) Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

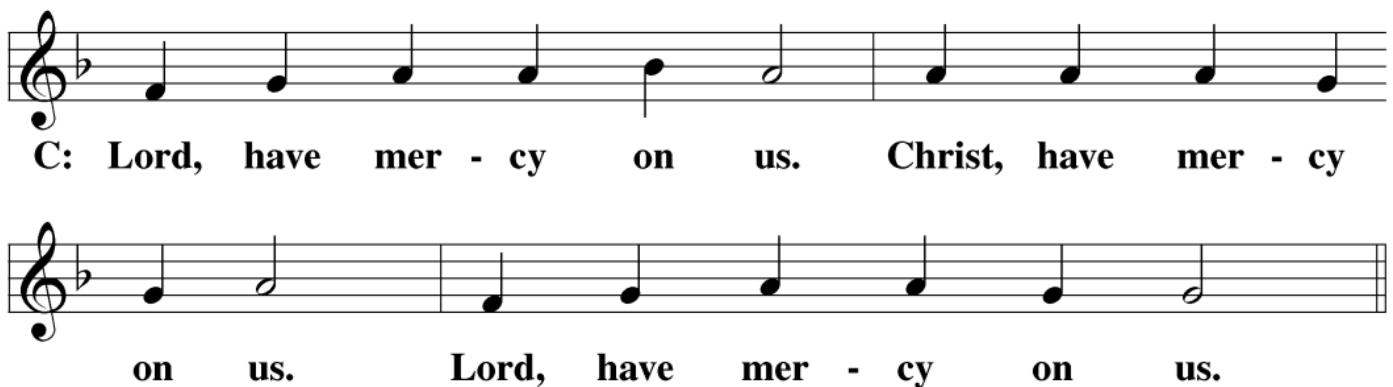


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



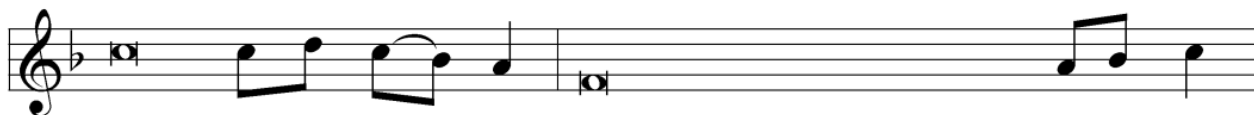
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, grant that like Simeon and Anna of old, we may see with the eyes of faith him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, we adore, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 1:21-28

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²² 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.” ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshipped the LORD there.

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Refrain



Psalm tone



How lovely is your dwelling place.*
O LORD Almighty.

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*
They are ever praising you. **Refrain**

Better is one day in your courts,*
Than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the the tents of wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

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. Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:14-18

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

VERSE OF THE DAY (Pastor speaks Luke 2:30)

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation. Alleluia.

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

²² And 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 was written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said 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, 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 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. 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.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to 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.

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

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556

Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – EPIPHANY SEASON (p. 124)

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M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and

with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S 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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."


Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.




C: A - men.

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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O Light of Gentile Nations



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like



Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's
 ev - 'ry ho - ly place Where your true Word has
 seem to hide your face, And through our tears we
 Sim - eon to the end So that his prayer ex -



lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -
 prom - ised That we should see your face. To -
 of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace. Then
 ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O



to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with
 day you still al - low us Who gath - er
 be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer in
 Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in



rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had
 round you here In arms of faith to
 pain and loss, Our sun in dark - est
 peace, I pray, Since I have seen my



wait - ed His God and Lord to find.
 hold you As did that a - ged seer.
 ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross.
 Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

To Your Temple I Draw Near



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
 2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
 3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
 5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
 I through Christ be - come your child.
 Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
 God of love, to mine at - tend.
 Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
 That my joy - ful soul may bless
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
 Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
 In your courts to seek your face.
 Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
 Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
 Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim
 Peace and pardon in your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I
 Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
 May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say,
 "I have walked with God today."

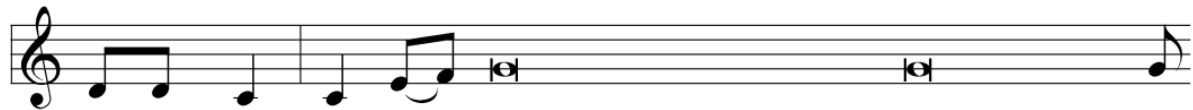
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

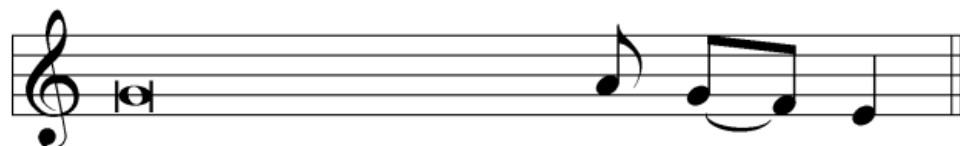


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

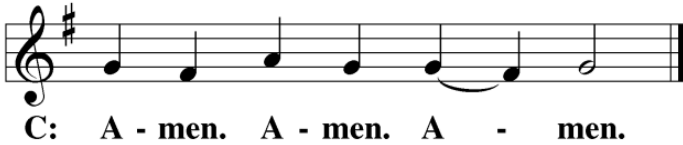


C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer
Communion Assistant: Mark Castellese; Organist: Jan Jacobi

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:30 AM Sunday School
~10:40 AM Stewardship Presentation
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM All Boards except Elders
- 8:00 PM Church Council
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Presentation
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Saturday - 10:30 AM Stewardship Presentation
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:30 AM Sunday School

Serving Feb. 9: Altar Guild – Carol Schwartz; Ushers: #1
PRESCHOOL, YOUNG 5s, PARENTS & TOT OPEN HOUSE:
Sunday, February 16, 2:00 – 3:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: All members are asked to attend at least one of the Stewardship Presentations:

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, February 2 | 10:40 AM TODAY |
| Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 PM |
| Saturday, February 8 | 10:30 AM |

You should have received an email about these presentation. It is anticipated the presentation will take 1.5 hours. Please reply to Pastor Schaefer (peschaef5@gmail.com) so that the proper amount of snacks and materials can be prepared. If you are out of town, it is possible to Zoom the presentation to you. Please let Pastor Schaefer know. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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PRESCHOOL/YOUNG 5S AND PARENTS AND TOT REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year for our church members and returning families. It will open up to everyone on February 16.

We have a Parent and TOT program for two year olds and their caregiver (parent, grandparent, nanny, etc.). This program meets once a week for 1.5 hours and will begin in September. Please speak with Carol Schwartz if you have questions about this program.

Our Preschool is for ages 3, 4, and for those turning 5 in the fall. (all children in preschool must be potty trained.). We offer two-days (Tuesday/Thursday), three-days (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) and all five days as options. All classes run from 8:30 – 11:30 am. You may choose the number of days based on the needs of your child as well as availability. Please speak with Rebecca Lohrmann or Chris Abbott if you have questions regarding our preschool program. (Early Bird Special for all that register for Preschool/Young 5s by March 15th).

Our Young 5s program is for those children turning 5 in the summer. It is a 5 day program from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

We will be having an Open House, Sunday, February 16, 2:00 – 3:30 PM.