

The Presentation of Our Lord
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



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Please pray for the church during our time of transition.

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***ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship= red hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.**

THE PRELUDE

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING

¶ The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.
Call us into Your way of life, O God.

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.
Lead us into Your vision of life, O God.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.
Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God.

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love and forgiveness, O God.
Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.
Let us worship You together. Amen.

¶ **THE GATHERING SONG** *In a Lowly Manger Born* (ELW 718)

THE 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.**



THE HYMN OF PRAISE:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: **Amen.**

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

¹ 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. 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 84

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³ 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.

⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ **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.**

⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸ **LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹ Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of ' your anointed.

¹⁰ **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.**

¹¹ 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.

¹² **O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² 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,

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

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ 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

³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ 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, ³⁷ 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. ³⁸ 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.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ 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.**



THE SERMON: PASTOR GAIL WHEATLEY

Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.



THE HYMN OF THE DAY *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* (ELW 313)

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 BLESSING OF CANDLES



Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and to the glory of your people.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and to the glory of your people.

Lord, you now have set your servant free, to go in peace as you have promised.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and to the glory of your people.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the nations, and to the glory of your people.

Let us pray.

Most holy God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, pour out your blessing upon these candles, so that when they burn in church and our homes, we are reminded to walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your gifts of time, talent and possessions given for the glory of God! If you wish to give electronically, you may do so online at our website www.go2trinity.org, or sign up for automatic giving with the office.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE 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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give
thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he
revealed your glory. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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

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.

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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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both wine and grape juice are available.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 1 *In His Temple Now Behold Him* (ELW 417)

COMMUNION HYMN 2 *As the Grains of Wheat* (ELW 465)

COMMUNION HYMN 3 *Come, Let Us Eat* (ELW 491)

THE 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

AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Response: **Amen**

THE SENDING SONG *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (ELW 545)

THE DISMISSAL

Go now to follow the Light of Jesus: see others as he did; dare to give freely as he did; and to love unconditionally as he did. Go, embraced by the Source of life, love and hope. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sunday, February 2, 2025

11am Fireside Chat- "Odd Couples, Ahab and Jezebel"

11am Sunday School- Room 3
Downstairs

11am Confirmation Class- Room 1
Downstairs

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

4-4:45pm Young Voices Choir

4:30pm Holy Bookers

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:30am Worship Service

11am Fireside Chats

11am Sunday School and Confirmation
Class- Downstairs