

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

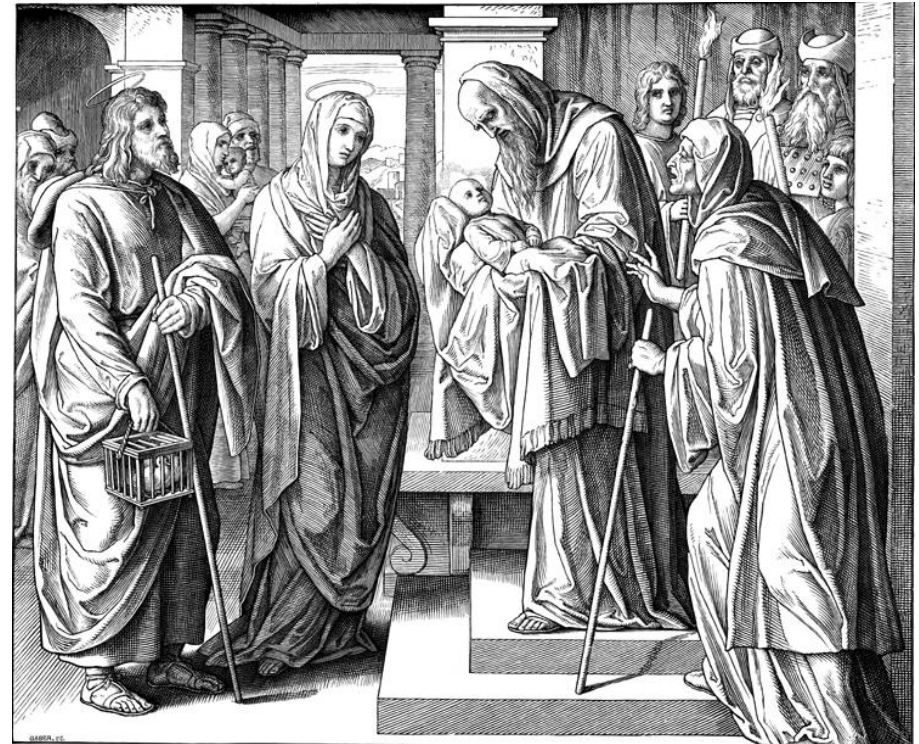
A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Festival of the Presentation of Our Lord and
the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Candlemass)
February 2nd, 2018

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*“Now when the days of her purification according
to the law of Moses were completed, they brought
Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.”*

St. Luke 2:22

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“B Minor”</i>	Johann Krieger
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Blessing and Distribution of the Candles		INSERT
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<i>Extinguish Candles</i>		
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 7)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for Septuagesima		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Haggai 2:6-9
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		Malachi 3:1-4
The Tract		INSERT
<i>Stand—Candles are re-lit</i>		
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:22-32
<i>Extinguish Candles</i>		
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 116
The Sermon	<i>A Light to Bring Revelation to the Gentiles</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit—Candles are re-lit during the Hymn</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“How Blest Are They Who Hear God’s Word”</i>	TLH 48
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25

The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand—Extinguish Candles</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	TLH 137
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
Announcements		
The Postlude	<i>“Mit Fried’ und Freud”</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND THE PURIFICATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (CANDLEMAS)**

February 2nd, 2018



Introit

WE - HAVE - || thought, O God, on Your | lov- | ing- | kind- | ness. *

In the midst | of | Your | Tem- | ple. -

|| According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the | ends | of | the | earth. *

Your right hand is full | of | right- | eous- | ness. - (*Psalm 48:9-10*)

|| Great is the Lord and great- | ly | to | be | praised *

In the city of our God, in His | ho- | ly | moun- | tain. -

|| God is in | her | pal- | a- | ces; *

He is known | as | her | re- | fuge. -

|| As we have heard, | so | have | we | seen. *

God will establish | her | for- | ev- | er. -

|| For this is God, our God forev- | er | and | ev- | er; *

He will be our guide e- | ven | un- | to | death. - (*Psalm 48:1, 3, 8a, c, and 14*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

|| We have thought, O God, on Your | lov- | ing- | kind- | ness. *

In the midst | of | Your | Tem- | ple. -

|| According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the | ends | of | the | earth. *

Your right hand is full | of | right- | eous- | ness. - (*Psalm 48:9-10*)

Collect

Almighty and Ever-living God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that, as Thine Only-Begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

|| We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, in the midst | of | Your | Tem- | ple. *

According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the | ends | of | the | **earth.** -

|| As we have heard, so have we seen in the ci- | ty | of | our | God, *

In His | ho- | ly | moun- | **tain.** - (*Psalm 48:9-10a, 8a*)

Tract

|| Lord, now You are letting Your servant | de- | part | in | peace, *

Accord- | ing | to | Your | **word;** -

|| For | my | eyes | have | seen *

Your | — | sal- | va- | **tion** -

|| Which | You | have | pre- | pared *

Before the face | of | all | peo- | **ples,** -

|| A light to bring revelation | to | the | Gen- | tiles, *

And the glory of Your peo- | ple | Is- | ra- | **el.** - (*St. Luke 2:29-32*)

Haggai 2:6-9

⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: “Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,” says the LORD of hosts. ⁸“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,” says the LORD of hosts. ⁹“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,” says the LORD of hosts. “And in this place I will give peace,” says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, 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 launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years.”

St. Luke 2:22-32

²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who 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.” ²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷So he came by 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, ²⁸he 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; ³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³²a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

TLH 138 “Thou Light of Gentile Nations”

Johann Franck, 1674

1. Thou Light of Gentile nations,
 Thou Savior from above,
 Drawn by Thy Spirit’s leading,
 We come with joy and love
 Into Thy holy temple
 And wait with earnest mind
 As Simeon once had waited
 His God and Lord to find.

2. Yea, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee,
 In ev’ry holy place
 Where Thy true Word has promised
 That we should see Thy face.
 Today Thou still dost grant us
 Who gather round Thee here
 In arms of faith to bear Thee
 As did that aged seer.

3. Be Thou our Joy and Brightness,
 Our Cheer in pain and loss,
 Our Sun in darkest terror,
 The Glory round our cross,
 A Star for sinking spirits,
 A Beacon in distress,
 Physician, Friend, in sickness,
 In death our Happiness.

4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful
 Like Simeon to the end,
 So that his prayer exultant
 May from our hearts ascend:
 “O Lord, now let Thy servant
 Depart in peace, I pray,
 Since I have seen my Savior
 And here beheld His day.”

5. My Savior, I behold Thee
 With faith’s enlightened eye;
 Of Thee no foe can rob me,
 His threats I can defy.
 Within Thy heart abiding,
 As Thou, O Lord, in me,
 Death can no longer frighten
 Nor part my soul from Thee.

6. Lord, here on Earth Thou seemest
 At times to frown on me,
 And through my tears I often
 Can scarce distinguish Thee;
 But in the heavenly mansions
 Shall nothing dim my sight;

There shall I see Thy glory
 In never-changing light. Amen.

TLH 116 “To the Name of Our Salvation”

Unknown, 1496

1. To the Name of our salvation
 Laud and honor let us pay,
 Which for many a generation
 Hid in God’s foreknowledge lay;
 But with holy exultation
 We may sing aloud today.

2. Jesus is the name we treasure,
 Name beyond what words can tell;
 Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
 Ear and heart delighting well;
 Name of sweetness, passing measure,
 Saving us from sin and hell.

3. ‘Tis the name for adoration;
 ‘Tis the name of victory;
 ‘Tis the name for meditation
 In this vale of misery;
 ‘Tis the name for veneration
 By the citizens on high.

4. ‘Tis the name that whoso preacheth
 Speaks like music to the ear;
 Who in prayer this name beseecheth
 Sweetest comfort findeth near:
 Who its perfect wisdom reacheth
 Heavenly joy possesseth here.

5. Jesus is the name prevailing
 Over every name by right;
 At this name, in terror quailing,
 Powers of Hell are put to flight;
 God, in mercy never failing,
 Saves us by this name of might.

6. Therefore we in love adoring
 This most blessed name revere,
 Holy Jesus, Thee imploring
 So to write it in us here
 That hereafter, heavenward soaring,
 We may sing with angels there. Amen.

TLH 48 “How Blest Are They Who Hear God’s Word”

Johan N. Brun, 1786

1. How blest are they who hear God’s Word
 And keep and heed what they have heard!

They wisdom daily gather;
Their light shines brighter day by day,
And while they tread life's weary way,
They have the oil of gladness
To soothe their pain and sadness.

2. God's Word a treasure is to me,
Thro' sorrow's night my sun shall be,
The shield of faith in battle.
The Father's hand hath written there
My title as His child and heir,
"The kingdom's thine forever."
That promise faileth never.

3. Today I was my Savior's guest,
My soul was here so richly blest,
The Bread of Life receiving.
Oh, may thereby my faith prevail,
So that its fruits shall never fail
Till my account is given
Before the throne in Heaven! Amen.

TLH 137 "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Martin Luther, 1524

1. In peace and joy I now depart
At God's disposing;
For full of comfort is my heart,
Soft reposing.
So the Lord hath promised me,
And death is but a slumber.

2. 'Tis Christ that wrought this work for me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see
By Thy favor.
Now I know He is my Life,
My Help in need and dying.

3. Him Thou hast unto all set forth
Their great Salvation
And to His kingdom called the Earth,
Every nation,
By Thy dear and wholesome Word,
In every place resounding.

4. He is the Hope and saving Light
Of lands benighted;
By Him are they who dwelt in night
Fed and lighted.
He is Israel's Praise and Bliss,
Their Joy, Reward, and Glory. Amen.