

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" (LW 322)

1. From Green-land's i-cy moun-tains To In-dia's cor-al strand,
From Af-ri-ca's bright foun-tains To A-sia's gold-en sand,
From man-y an up-land ri-ver To man-y a cost-al plain,
God would the lost de-liv-er From er-ror's e-vil chain.
2. Our own land's fair-est breez-es Bear sounds of stee-ple bells,
All nat-ure's beau-ty pleas-es, Yet man builds count-less hells.
In vain with lav-ish kind-ness The gifts of God are strown;
Throngs turn from him in blind-ness To false gods of their own.
3. Can we whose souls are light-ed With wis-dom from on high,
Can we to those be-night-ed The lamp of life de-ny?
Sal-va-tion! Oh, sal-va-tion! The joy-ful sound pro-claim
Till those of ev-'ry na-tion Have learned Mes-si-ah's name.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† **WORD** †

INTROIT

Psalm 48:1-3, 8; antiphon: v. 9

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God!

C His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

P Within her citadels
God has made himself known as a fortress.

C As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city
of our God,
which God will establish forever.

C 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.

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA "Christmas Angels" (*GLORIA & MENDELSSOHN, arr. Larson*)
Tim Larson, vocal soloist

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all

dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT *1 Samuel 1:21–28* (As long as he lives, he belongs to the Lord.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "We Speak Your Name" (arr. Patti Drennan)
Laura Streich, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:14–18* (Because He was tempted like us, He is able to help us in temptation.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus is presented in the temple.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (LSB 528)
We rise for verse 7

SERMON "Let Your Servant Depart in Peace" (St. Luke 2:29)
Pastor Brad Urbach

POST SERMON HYMN "We Sing Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" (LSB 822)
Verses 1 & 4

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book
11:00 *Apostles'* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Everlasting God, we remember how Simeon faithfully trusted Your promise that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Grant us the same trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, that having received His body and blood and beholding Him by faith, we would be prepared for the day we meet Him face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, in the depth of love for creation, You brought Your Son to the temple and placed Him in the hands of blessed St. Simeon. Abide with those placed in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that their hands would be ever ready to deliver Your gifts to Your people and their lips bold to speak Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, You placed Your Son into the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes, that they would be places where truth is taught and confessed. Like Joseph took Mary to be his wife, make all husbands courageous and compassionate in their love for their wives. As Mary submitted to Joseph, grant all wives grace for respectful submission to their husbands. Bless the work of parents as they instruct their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P Ruler of the nations, bless those placed in authority over us. Grant that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind. Look favorably on our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, as Your Son has become our faithful High Priest, making propitiation for the sins of all people, hear His intercession for His Bride, the Church. Grant that the suffering, sick and sorrowful [*especially _____*] would be blessed by Your loving visitation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father of lasting peace, show mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of all times and places and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, until He comes again in glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 8 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).



Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
8:30 service

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"As With Gladness, Men of Old" (LSB 397)

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB 631)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"
Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

(LSB 837)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



AS WE GATHER Although this day is about the purification of Mary according to the law and the presentation of Jesus as the firstborn of her womb, these are saving acts done on behalf of all of us. This is what Simeon acknowledges when he sings the Nunc Dimittis. Here is the promise of God kept in Christ for his salvation and for the redemption of the Gentiles. Here we see the face of God, the display of His mercy, and the glory long promised. We sing with Simeon in praise of our Savior, while acknowledging

that in the Holy Sacrament we see our salvation every bit as much as Simeon saw it in the baby in his arms.

Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Luke 2:29–32

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card.

Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday after Epiphany! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jan. 22, Att. 78; Offering \$40.00; **Sun., Jan. 26, Att. 269;** General Fund \$6,810.40; Sunday School \$2.60; Building Fund \$5.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Organ Fund \$180.00; Mexico Mission \$60.00; Bus Maintenance \$55.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$15.00, (Generations) \$350.00, (Foundations) \$50.00.

ENDOWMENT FUND When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Educational Attendance

Jan. 22 Midweek Attendance – 58
Jan. 26 Sunday School Attendance – 21
Jan. 26 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study – 5



First Sunday of the Month Morning Coffee is hosted by Rebekah Circle. We thank these women for hosting and for the goodies they share.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday/Walk for Life February 2, 2025

Written in secret. Every hair counted. Valued above rubies. A life known by God. *“Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”* Psalm 139:16. God Loves Life. Each one of us was

created for a purpose.

We will celebrate life at worship on **February 2nd**. Please join us for a reception and life display between services. At 11:45 am we will meet at the entrance of the church and travel to the Capitol to join the Walk for Life at Noon and then we will return to church following. You may also wish to take in the Hour of Reflection program in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:00 pm.

Offering Envelopes The 2025 offering envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex. *Please pick yours up today.* Even if you give on-line there are additional envelopes you can use: Building, Endowment, Special Missions, Lent and Advent. The use of envelopes is helpful for our counters and posters. If you don't use envelopes, it is helpful if you put your envelope number on your check. **A few new boxes were put out. Check to see if yours are there. If not, let Helen know or leave a note in the office on her desk.**

Little Dresses Project The Faith Lutheran LWML is once again coordinating the Little Dresses project. Pillowcases will be turned into dresses as part of our global mission outreach. Contact LWML President Kristy Deal (605-280-7004) for more information. ***We have ample pillowcases and other supplies and are not seeking donations at this time.*** We do need people to assemble sewing kits on the work night and volunteers to sew "little dresses" from the pillowcases, buttons and trim in the kits. **The work night is Monday, February 10 at 6:30 PM in the old fellowship hall in the basement.**



Friendship Sunday February 9th Bring a friend to church, wear your favorite jersey (you may get a prize), will play some trivia (prizes will be awarded), there will be soup and desserts for the noon meal.



Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser Our Men's Club will be hosting a Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, February 23rd between services. A free will offering will be collected to purchase new couches for the entry area by the church office.

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve. Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31.

Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.



Building Healthy Families: Big changes are happening in our world.

Someone once said, “If you want to know what is happening today, read the newspaper. If you want to know what will happen tomorrow, read the Bible.”

The Bible is filled with God’s own words, given to teach, correct, and train us in righteousness. Reading and studying the Bible builds faith, changes our relationships, and prepares us for life. It helps us understand who God is and who we are. It builds trust and confidence in God and His good plan for us, which is especially helpful in times when we may be feeling overwhelmed, sad, or anxious about the future and what tomorrow may bring. If you’re not reading your Bible each day, how about starting today? (John 20:31) Ask your pastor for a reading plan or check out this one online at <https://www.1517.org/oneyear>. **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Newsletter Deadline The deadline for articles for the March newsletter is February 14. If you have anything that should be advertised that is coming up in March, please get it to Helen by Friday, February 14.



Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “The Measure of a Man” - A newspaper editor learns forgiveness.

10:30 AM - Rev. Albert Sutton, pastor at Evergreen Lutheran Church in Evergreen, SD, presents a message titled “It’s always time for Jesus.” The sermon is based on Luke 4:31-44. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three

years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

Sunday School Children Singing Date: On Sunday February 9th our Sunday School Children will be singing in the late service (11:00) only. Thank you for being present and for allowing your Sunday School child to bless our worship service on that day.



On The Lighter Side: Puns for fun

“I don't trust these stairs because they're always up to something.”
“My friend's bakery burned down last night. Now his business is toast.”

On The Lighter Side:

Escalators don't break down... they just turn into stairs

Q: What has a bottom at its top? A: a Leg

<http://www.greatcleanjokes.com/jokes/best-jokes/good-jokes/>

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 2 Sanctity of Life Sunday

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
12:00-1:00 pm Walk for Life
2:00 pm Hour of Reflection
2-5 pm Softball
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Feb. 3

7:00 pm Men's Club in gym

Tues: Feb. 4

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
5-7 pm SC Youth BB

Wed: Feb. 5

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study

6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 6

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6-8 pm MOPS

Sat: Feb. 8

10am-5pm Rageth Birthday Party - gym

Sun: Feb. 9

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

2-5 pm Softball

*... for my
eyes have
seen your
salvation,...*

Luke 2:30, NRSV

