



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**THE PURIFICATION OF MARY
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

(Series C)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Coming now forty days after the birth of our Lord, we see the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. They obey the law of purification (see Leviticus 12:6–8), and Jesus is presented as the firstborn to be redeemed (Exodus 13:11–15). All of this echoes the faithfulness of those who went before (Hannah, for example) and heralds the faithfulness of Christ to those to come. In His faithfulness, we are presented to the Father with clean hearts. We keep this feast not only with the liturgical observance but also with faith that believes the promise, rejoices in Jesus' fulfillment of the law, and trusts in His saving work.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE SONG – “Great is the Lord” Psalm 8:1

1, 3 Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

2 Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

4, 5 Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice
Great are You, Lord, Great are you Lord

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Stand

(The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

C **O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

Silence for reflection.

P Let us confess our sins to God our merciful Father:

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have turned away from You and from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent of our sins and humbly beg Your mercy through Jesus Christ to forgive us all that is past and to move us by Your Spirit to serve You faithfully in the days to come. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon You and has sent His only Son, who suffered for us to forgive us all our 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.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

NICENE CREEED

**☉ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “In Christ Alone”

1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3 There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He arose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 1:21-28

(As long as he lives, he belongs to the Lord.)

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

And he worshiped the LORD there.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 48:1, 8a, 9

L Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C **in the city of our God, his holy mountain!**

L As we have heard, so have we seen

C **in the city of the LORD of hosts.**

L We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

C **in the midst of your temple.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

(Because He was tempted like us, He is able to help us in temptation.)

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 2:34b

P Alleluia. Behold, this child is appointed

C for the fall and rising of many in Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-32

(Jesus is presented in the temple.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²When 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 male who first 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.” ²⁵Now 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. 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. ²⁷And 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, 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 ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**/Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all. .

OFFERTORY – “In the Secret”

- 1 In the secret, in the quiet place
 In the stillness You are there
 In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
 ‘Cause I want to know You more
- 2, 4, 5 I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
 I want to know You more
 I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
 I want to know You more
- 3 I am reaching for the highest goal
 That I might receive the prize
 Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside, out of my way
 ‘Cause I want to know You more

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Knowing the faithfulness of God, let us come before Him in prayer for ourselves, for the church, and for all people as they have need.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

P Blessed Lord, we give You thanks for Joseph's watchful care over Jesus, for Mary's love for her Son, and for the faith of Simeon and Anna, who waited upon You to show them their Savior. Give us such watchful hearts, such love for Jesus, and such trust in Your Word, that we may wait upon Your will with joy and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Gracious God, we thank You for the faithfulness of Hannah and those who in every generation have loved Your Word and served You. Keep, we pray, those who lead us in Synod and District, our pastor, all church workers, and those preparing for church work vocations. Guard them in Your Word that by their faithfulness we may be blessed and encouraged in faith and life in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Heavenly Father, make us ready like Simeon to depart and be with You, and keep us faithful as Anna in the days that You give us, that whether we live or die, we may rejoice that we belong to You and have seen our salvation in Christ Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Mighty Lord, we live in a world of danger and temptation. Grant us the blessing of good and faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your Word and good government so that the causes of justice and mercy may be accomplished among us. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Faithful Lord, You gave to Hannah the child of promise, and to Mary and Joseph You entrusted the care of Your own Son. Bless all husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes may be places of blessing and love and preserve the sacred character of life, especially for the aged and the unborn. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Merciful Father, behold in love those who suffer afflictions of body or mind and those whose hearts are weighed low with grief. Grant them a strong and sturdy faith in the days of their trial and deliver them from their troubles according to Your mercy. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Gracious Lord, You give food for the body and for the soul. Grant that we may feast upon Your Word by faith and with our lips taste Your goodness in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that what we here receive we may keep in holy hearts and lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Giving Lord, from You and to You are all things. Grant us to be wise and faithful stewards of all Your gifts, and fill us with generosity so that we may support the work of Your kingdom with tithes and offerings and care for the poor and the needy in love. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These and whatsoever things we should ask, we beg You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“You are My All in All” (Medley) 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

1, 5 You are my strength when I am weak
You are the Treasure that I seek
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in All

2, 4, 6 Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

3 Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my All in All
When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my All in All

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“As the Deer” Psalm 42:1

- 1 As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee
- 2, 4, 5 You alone are my strength, my shield
To You, alone, may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart’s desire
And I long to worship Thee
- 3 You’re my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

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Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord be with you”.

CLOSING SONG - “Soon and Very Soon” Revelation 7

1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

2 No more crying there, we are going to see the King
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King
 No more crying there, we are going to see the King
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

3 No more dying there, we are going to see the King
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King
 No more dying there, we are going to see the King
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King!

4 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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