

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Presentation of Jesus



My Eyes have seen Thy Salvation

AS WE GATHER

We consider today the witness of God's faithful servants Simeon and Anna. As they beheld Jesus in the temple, they were overcome with joy and proclaimed the good news of God's redemption and salvation. Jesus came into our world as light and peace. As you listen and sing of God's salvation this day, may you be filled with the joy and peace that filled Simeon and Anna.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take to fill out an attendance card and drop in the basket during the offering.

PREPARATION

HYMN Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace LSB 937

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long
foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.**

Stand

**With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

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

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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

For the Lord God is a sun and shield.

The Lord bestows favor and honor.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord indeed bestows His favor and honor upon us, but we take His favor and honor for granted. We place our trust in ourselves instead of in God. Our actions are for our own glory, not God's. We are inconsiderate of our neighbors and too often neglect to gather for worship. But we come before our heavenly Father, seeking His favor and honor and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we have sought our own way, not Your way.

We have failed to open our doors and our lives to neighbors in need. We have chosen the tents of the wicked rather than Your house, but we are here seeking Your forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Restore us as Your beloved people.

When Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple for His presentation, a man named Simeon took Jesus in his arms and proclaimed that he had beheld God's salvation. This Jesus is our salvation. He has died and is risen for you, and He 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.

Amen. The Lord bestows favor and honor. We are forgiven in Christ.

WORD

INTROIT *Song of Hannah* *LSB 928*

Choir: My heart exults in the LORD;

I rejoice in Your salvation.

Cong: My heart exults in the LORD;

I rejoice in Your salvation.

Choir: "My heart exults in the LORD;

*my strength is exalted * in the LORD.*

My mouth derides my enemies,

*because I rejoice in your sal * vation.*

"There is none holy like the LORD:

*there is none be * sides you;*

*there is no rock * like our God.*

*Talk no more so very * proudly,*

*let not arrogance come * from your mouth;*

*for the LORD is a God of * knowledge,*

*and by him actions * are weighed.*

Cong: My heart exults in the LORD;

I rejoice in Your salvation.

*Choir: The bows of the mighty are * broken,*

*but the feeble * bind on strength.*

*Those who were full have hired themselves * out for bread,*

*but those who were hungry have ceased to * hunger.*

*The barren has borne * seven,*

*but she who has many children * is forlorn.*

*The LORD kills and * brings to life;*

*he brings down to Sheol and * raises up.*

*The LORD makes poor and * makes rich;*

*he brings low and * he exalts.*

*He raises up the poor * from the dust;*

he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with

*princes and inherit a seat of * honor.*

Cong: My heart exults in the LORD;

I rejoice in Your salvation.

*Choir: For the pillars of the earth * are the LORD's,
and on them he has * set the world.*

*"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in * darkness,
for not by might shall a * man prevail.*

*The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to * pieces;
against them he will thunder in * heaven.*

*The LORD will judge the ends * of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his a * nointed."*

Cong: Glory be to the Father * and to the Son

And to the Holy * Spirit;

As it was in the be * ginning,

Is now, and will be forever. * Amen.

My heart exults in the LORD; I rejoice in Your salvation.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your Son was presented in the temple, You revealed Him as a light to all nations. Grant us courage to share Christ's light so that all may know that the world is changed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:9-10

OLD TESTAMENT READING *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 worshiped the Lord there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Great is the LORD and greatly * to be praised
in the city of our God, His holy * mountain!

As we have heard, so * have we seen
in the city of the * Lord of hosts.

We have thought on Your steadfast love, * O God,
in the midst of Your * temple.

EPISTLE *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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Alleluia. Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:21–32*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 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 is 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY In His Temple Now Behold Him *LSB* 519

**In His Temple now behold Him, See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, God has now fulfilled His
word. Now to praise Him, His redeemed Shall break forth with
one accord.**

**In the arms of her who bore Him, Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him Ere in perfect faith they die.
Allelujah, allelujah! Lo! the incarnate God Most high!**

**Jesus, by Your presentation, When they blessed You, weak and
poor, Make us see Your great salvation, Seal us with Your
promise sure; And present us in Your glory To Your Father,
cleansed and pure.**

SERMON Nunc Dimittis

NUNC DIMITTIS...Song of Simeon

LSB 199

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people
Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world with-out end.**

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be a light to the nations. Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of St. Louis, that people from every tribe, nation, and language would know the saving Light of the world, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Lord, send Your mercy to all who are advanced in years and struggling with their limitations. Grant them patience and give them purpose. Help them to share their faithfulness with others, as Simeon and Anna did in the temple. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, as Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord's service, we pray that You would raise up servants in Your Church,
Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, You sent Your Son into this world and by doing so changed the course of history. Comfort all those who are struggling to change their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICAMUS

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

HYMN In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

LSB 938

Choir:

In peace and joy I now depart

Since God so wills it.

Serene and confident my heart;

Stillness fills it.

For the Lord has promised me

That death is but a slumber.

**Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,
My faithful Savior,
Whom You have made my eyes to see
By Your favor.
Now I know He is my life,
My friend when I am dying.**

**You sent the people of the earth
Their great salvation;
Your invitation summons forth
Ev'ry nation
By Your holy, precious Word,
In ev'ry place resounding.**

**Christ is the hope and saving light
Of those in blindness;
He guides and comforts those in night
By His kindness.
For Your people Israel
In Him find joy and glory.**

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Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week
February 2-February 9

Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship
Monday	3:30 pm Compass 5:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Elders
Tuesday	3:30 pm Compass Chapel 7:00pm Confirmation w/ Parents
Wednesday	6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Nepalese Confirmation 6:30pm Choir
Thursday	2:00pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Nepalese Confirmation
Friday	8:00am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 69

Communion: 62

Offering : \$1819.00

CFNA SEWING AND SOWING St. Louis businesses are searching for people with sewing skills. Refugees are calling for classes. Would you like to share Christ's love with a refugee, build a friendship and help someone learn a job skill? Your helping hands are needed for our sewing program. There are many ways to help. Call Carol (314) 517-8513

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SEMINARY CONCERT Concordia Seminary will host an after chapel concert on February 18th from 9:55am-10:15am in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus balcony.

MUSICAL SETTINGS On Sunday February 2nd, Holy Cross Lutheran Church will host a musical concert in the styles of J.S. Bach and Christoph Graupner. Adults are \$10 and students are \$5.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Dennis Solomon healing from gum disease; Doris Seevers as she goes through therapy; Me Nguyen as she goes through therapy from knee surgery; Carmen Hobson who is having back surgery; Nepali and Vietnamese Communities worshipping here; EAGLE and Compass as they seek a new director. For the Impeachment process. For those infected by the corona virus. For the friends and family of Rosemary Taylor who passed away last week.

Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Gerry Engert, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Me Nguyen, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Mabel Wilke, Carol Carr, Trinh Nguyen

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS? Are you comfortable having them? Register for a workshop and receive a free spiritual conversation starter kit. Saturday, February 8 @ Lutheran High School North lhm.org/workshop.

VALENTINE'S DINNER Salem Senior High Youth Group will be hosting a Valentine's dinner February 15th from 4pm-9pm in the Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The cost is a free will offering. Reservations are recommended. Call Jeff Kullmann to reserve your table 314-749-2328. The menu include: Italian salad, fresh homemade bread, fettuccine alfredo, baked mostaccioli, tea, coffee, lemonade, water, and dessert.

LCFS REQUEST WANTED: Families to open their hearts and homes to newborns through 5-year-old children. Benefits include an unlimited supply of smiles and hugs. Presently we are in great need of St Louis county homes with an at home parent. To learn about temporary respite/crisis care and how you can help, please call Bev Schaefer at Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri at 314-754-2749

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and nurture the spiritual,
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well-being of pastors and
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early childhood, elementary
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