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Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 29, 2012
8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord marks a turning point in the season of Epiphany. First, this festival is a celebration of the fortieth day after Christmas and commemorates the day when Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem with their infant son to present him to the Lord. Here an old believer called Simeon took the Christchild in his arms and sang of the salvation that would come to all nations by this child. Jesus is the Great Light of all people! But Simeon's words also point Jesus down the road of pain and sorrow, as he teaches the parents of this little boy – especially his mother – that this child was destined for a life of persecution, hatred and ultimately death. The little baby Jesus came to die in our place to conquer death once and for all. Wow! What a baby!



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 **WELS**
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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WELCOME

We welcome you this and every day to Jerusalem.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or other congregational member. We are here to serve you.

If you are a guest, please be sure to sign the **friendship register** found on the inside aisle of each pew. We hope you'll be willing to share your **phone number** or **email address** with us.

Restrooms are located in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Please note that we have a **wheelchair-accessible, family restroom** with a **changing table**.

We love to have **children** in worship. If they are crying, you are encouraged to make use of the **Jerusalem Room**, which is at the top of the left-hand stairs in the rear of the church. It's a good place for children to regain their composure and then rejoin us for worship.

ABOUT THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

In celebrating the season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the divine majesty of Christ, whose glory shines even when confronted with the cross. Epiphany not only discloses Jesus to the world but also calls forth Christians to be witnesses to the Savior's true light. The number of weeks after the Epiphany varies with the moveable feast of Easter. With the various lessons appointed for this season in the three-year cycle of readings, many themes emerge. So this season presents us with an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal.

The liturgical color for the Epiphanytide is white, representing the purity of our Lord Jesus, until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2. After February 2, the liturgical color becomes green, symbolizing the Christian's ongoing growth through a faithful use of God's Word and Sacrament.

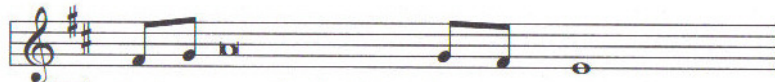
A Service of Morning Praise

Morning Praise, composed Marty Haugen, is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

Hymn O Light of Gentile Nations (CW 78)

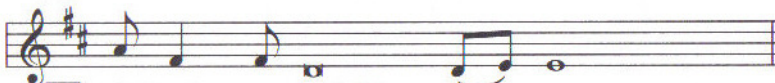
Opening Sentences

L O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

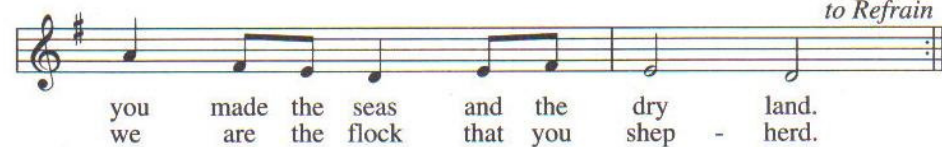
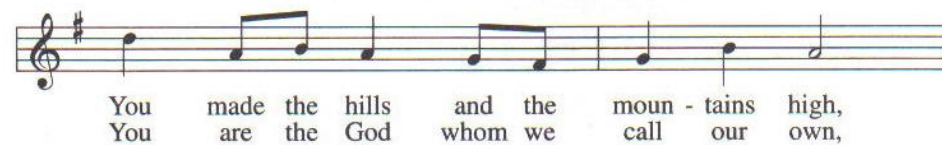
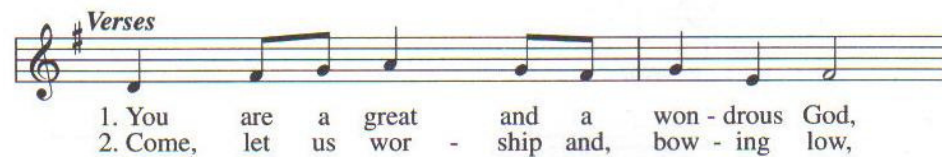
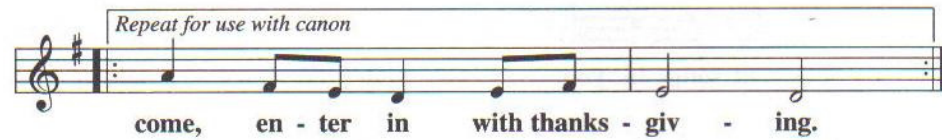
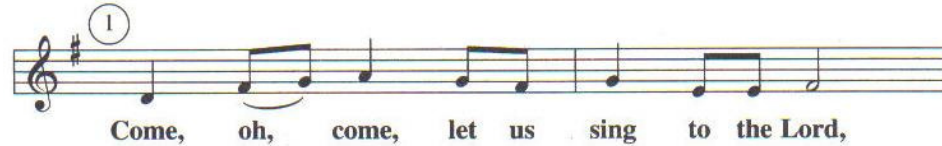
L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**Come, Oh, Come,
Let Us Sing to the Lord**

An arrangement of
Psalm 95, this song of praise
reminds us of the many
blessings that come to us from
the hands of our Creator God



*After the cantor has sung the refrain once, the congregation
joins in singing both the refrain and the verses.*



Psalm of the Day Psalm 63: In the Morning I Will Sing

The congregation sings both the refrain and the verses.

Refrain:

This morning psalm brings to mind the Lord's abiding presence and unending love through all of life's ways.

Melody

In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to
you.

Verses:

1. O God, you are my God; for you I
2. For your love is bet-ter than
3. On my bed I re-mem-ber

1. long; for you my soul is
2. life, my lips will speak your
3. you. On you I muse through the

1. thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a

2. praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

3. night, for you have been my help; in the

1. dry, wea - ry land with-out wa - ter. So I

2. name I will lift up my hands. My

3. shad - ow of your wings I re - joice. My

1. gaze on you in the sanc-tu - ar - y to

2. soul shall be filled as with a ban - quet, my

3. soul clings to you; your

1. see your strength and your glo - ry. *To refrain*

2. mouth shall praise you with joy. *To refrain*

3. right hand holds me fast. *To refrain*

The Service of the Word

The Lord Jesus speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Lesson **1 Samuel 1:21-28**

When the man Elkanah went up with his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.” “Do what seems best to you,” Elkanah her husband told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him. After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him, “As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.

Second Lesson **Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Seasonal Response *We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Hymn of the Day **In Peace and Joy I Now Depart (CW 269)**
Choir – sts. 1 & 2 Congregation – sts. 3 & 4

Sermon **Wow! What a baby!**
Based on the Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went

into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.



You are God,
We Praise You
Te Deum

L *Refrain*

C *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **C** We
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! **L** With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **C** We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Offering & Prayers

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

L In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

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

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The 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.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and ever-living God, grant that like Simeon and Anna of old, we may see with the eyes of faith him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, we adore, now and forever. **C: (spoken) Amen.**

Prayer for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C A - men.

The musical notation shows a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a simple melody for the word 'Amen'.

Benedicamus

L Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The musical notation shows a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a simple melody for the phrase 'Thanks be to God'.

Blessing

L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - - men.

L The Lord's face ever shine upon you.



C A - - men.

L The Lord grant you peace ✕ for all your days.



C A - - men.

Closing Hymn In His Temple Now Behold Him (CW 77)