

Presentation of Our Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2020

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GATHERING

*As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves,
and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.*

PRELUDE

“A Song of Faith”

E. Higgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us gather in the name of Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit,
One in Three, and Three in One, ever glorious and blessed Trinity.
Amen.

Recognizing our failures and faults, let us confess our sins to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you and against our neighbors
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us, heal us, and renew us,
that the Light of Christ might shine in us—and through us.**

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,
and that you are freed to love God and serve your neighbor.

May the Light of Christ guide you now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Malachi

^{3:1}See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But 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 fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

(Malachi 3:1-4)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (Responsively)

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

⁵Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶**As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸**O Lord GOD of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**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 live in the tents of wickedness.**

¹¹For the Lord GOD is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹²**O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

A Reading from Hebrews

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

(Hebrews 2:14-18)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **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 firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

Almighty God, you bless the elderly with wisdom and patience. Give those who are mature in years boldness to share their life of faith and grant that they may follow more closely in your path. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, you made your creation beautiful and gave it abundant resources so that we might not lack anything that we need. Help us to be ever mindful of your good gift and help us to use the earth's resources for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Ever present God, you watch over us when we are awake and when we are asleep. Keep your eyes upon our elected leaders that they might feel your presence and rejoice in your support. Help our leaders to use their authority in ways which are just and merciful. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Incarnate God, you were born, lived among us, and experienced our joys and sorrows. By your love for all humanity, bring healing and wholeness to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Merciful God, strengthen our desire to love one another as you love us, and forgive one another as we ourselves have been forgiven. Reveal your face to us as we reach out to our neighbors near or far. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, we thank you for all the saints who have gone before us. Keep us faithful in our service until that day when you welcome us to join with them in a community that will never end. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

Offertory (8:00)

“Offertory in E Flat”

T. Dubois

Anthem (10:30)

“Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come”

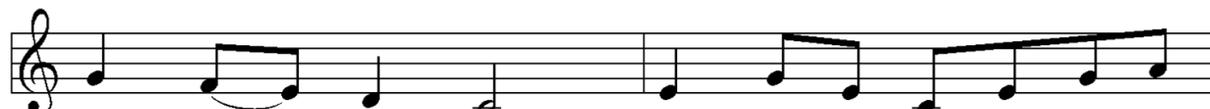
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Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wonder, you give us the gift of life and daily bring forth abundance from your creation. Upon this table, we place bread and wine, and offer all we are, and all we have. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

MEAL



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

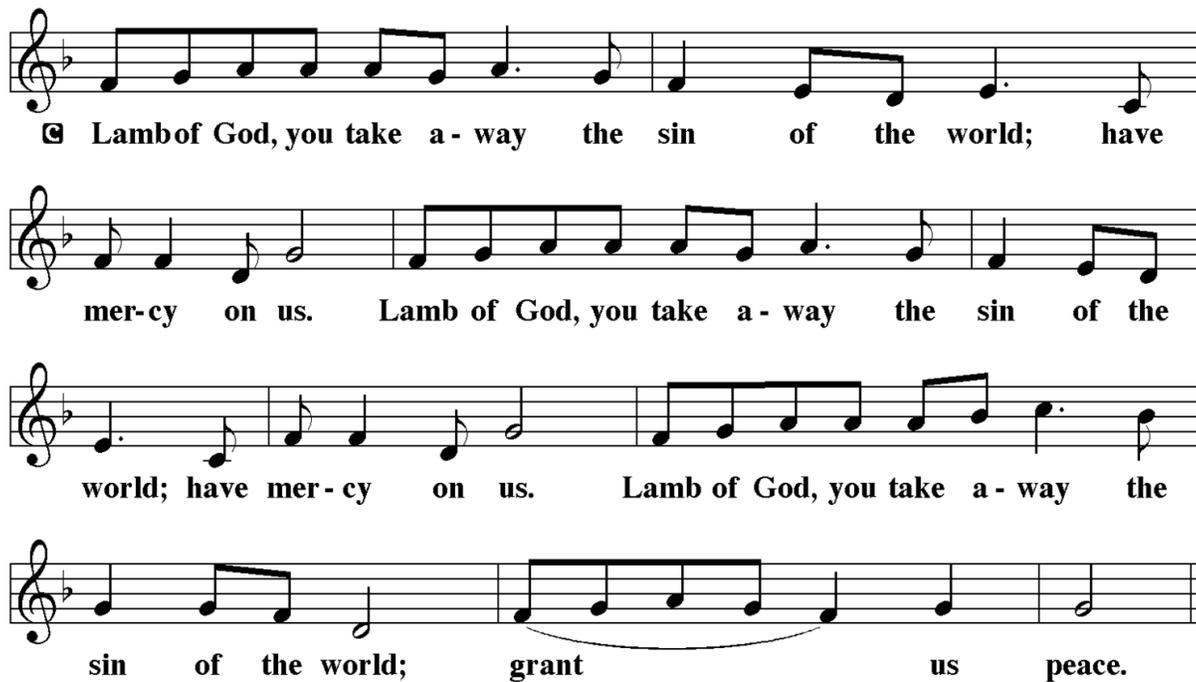
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews. Those who do not desire to receive the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the Father, who called us from darkness into light, make us true bearers of God's light.

May God the Son, who redeemed us by his precious blood, empower us to follow his example in serving others.

May God the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, strengthen us to endure the shipwrecks of life and guide us to reach the shores of salvation.

And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let the Light of Christ shine in all that you say and do.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Thanks Be Unto God”

E. Wetherill

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Chancel Flowers are presented in memory of Guy and Frances Lengel by their sons, James and John Lengel and families.

Bulletins are presented in memory of LeRoy and Corrine Shoener by Kathy and family.

SERVING TODAY (2/2/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Connie Teter; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Madelyn Knecht

USHERS: Glenda Bright and Barb Sterner; **GREETER:** Doug Travor

COUNTERS: Tom Wehr, Gwen Wehr, and Glenda Bright

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Danielle Richards

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/9/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Bruce Herb; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jessica Swick; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Jim Spotts

USHERS: Kathy Couch and Connie Teter; **GREETER:** Chris Long

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 2	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday, February 4	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Wednesday, February 5	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 6	6:30 PM	Financial Peace
Saturday, February 8	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, February 9	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	9:15 AM	Property
	10:30 AM	Worship
	At about 11:30 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting

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SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 2ND

This year we will collect only soup (in cans or boxes), and monetary donations, or grocery store gift cards to give to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. Donations will be collected at all services on Saturday, Feb 1st and on Sunday, February 2nd.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Evangelism Committee has set the date of Saturday, February 22nd, for a Progressive Dinner beginning at 6 PM. Three (3) volunteers are needed to host appetizers, soup and salad, and dessert courses. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place. If you attend Saturday night worship, you can still join us.

ELECTING OUR NEXT BISHOP

You are invited to attend one of the following meetings, scheduled from 9:00 AM-12 NOON on February 8 at Christ Lutheran Church, 467 Main St., Conyngham and/or February 15 at Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873, Schnecksville.

Participants will discuss Synod mission priorities and the skills/spiritual gifts needed in the next bishop. Rostered ministers and members of Synod congregations are encouraged to attend.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020, FOLLOWING OUR 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE!