

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, YEAR C
2 FEBRUARY, 2025: 8:30 AM**

PRELUDE

Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE AND GLORIA: ELW p. 98-100 (SETTING 1)

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.

CHILDREN'S LESSON**BLESSING OF CANDLES**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who illumines everyone who comes into the world, we beseech You to pour out Your ✠ blessing on these candles, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, and mercifully grant that even as their flame scatters the darkness of night, so our hearts, being inflamed with the inward brightness of Your Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity, and that the eyes of our souls may clearly perceive that which is well-pleasing in Your sight and profitable for our salvation, and that finally, after the darkness and dangers of this world are passed, we may come to the never-failing light; through You, O blessed Jesus, Redeemer of the world, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 84

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 102 *Alleluia*

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

SERMON**SONG OF THE DAY**

ELW #417 In His Temple Now Behold Him

APOSTLES' CREED: ELW p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of justice, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace. As we honor Black History Month, help us to continue the work of rooting out racism in our communities and in our world, and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, we are all one family on this earth. Help us to recognize and nurture our connections to other peoples and nations. Bless and strengthen the church in Guatemala, and give their leaders vision and courage to carry out the work of the Gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, visitors to the homebound, baptismal sponsors, confirmation

mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We pray for all our fellow church members, family, and friends who need comfort and healing, whose names we offer up aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
(Pause briefly for intercessions to be offered.) God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY

Solo Deep River

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

ELW p. 108

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ELW p. 112

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat and drink at this table.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 112

COMMUNION SONG

ELW #487 What Feast of Love

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 113 *Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #440 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, living out the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Piano