

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

February 5, 2023

9:00 AM

The Presentation of Our Lord

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was a "light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Baptism Song

Baptized in Water

#456

Baptism of Elijah Dale Wetherell page 227

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Opening Song

You Are Holy

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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.

Opening Prayer

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

Installation of Congregation Council

Malachi 3:1-4

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. ² But 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; ³ he 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

(in song)

O God of All Creation

(see pg. 6)

Hebrews 2:14-18

¹⁴ Since, 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, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore 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. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

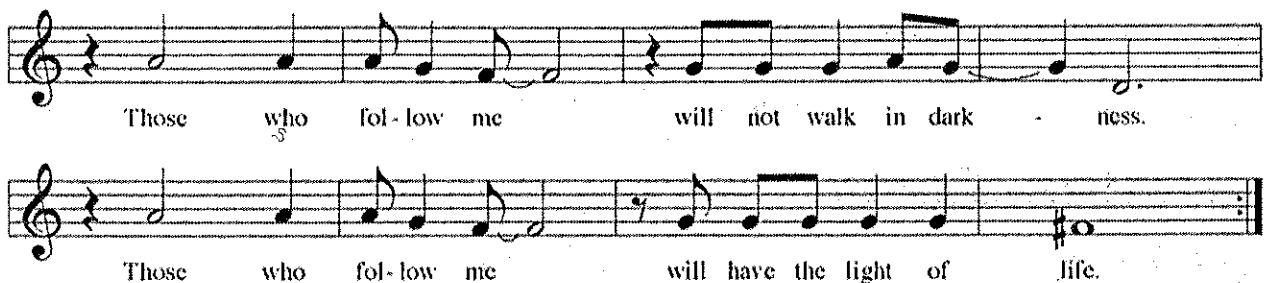
Gospel Alleluia

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

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Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

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.

Message Pastor Bob Lewis

Hymn of the Day

What Child is This

#296

Children's Offering / Offering

Musical Offering

"When We are Living"

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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

Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution

O The Blood of Jesus

O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus,
O the blood of Jesus, It washes white as snow.
(Repeat)

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 #484

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen.

Closing Song

Made for Love

(see pg. 7)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

O God Of All Creation

D A/D D

How love - ly is your dwell - ing place, O God of all cre - a - tion. My
 The spar - row finds a rest - ing place, O God of all cre - a - tion. The
 You shine just like the ris - ing sun, O God of all cre - a - tion, be -

D G/B D/A A7 Dsus D D/F#

spir - it longs to see your face, O God of my sal - va - tion. One
 swal - low, too, her nest - ing place, O God of my sal - va - tion. One
 stow - ing grace on ev - 'ry - one, O God of my sal - va - tion. One

G D/F# D Em A/C# D D/F#

day with you can see me through; a thou - sand oth - ers will not do. For

G F#m Bm G/B D/A A7 Dsus D

you a - lone are just and true, O God of my sal - va - tion.

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Closing Song

MADE FOR LOVE

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson
Mary Olson



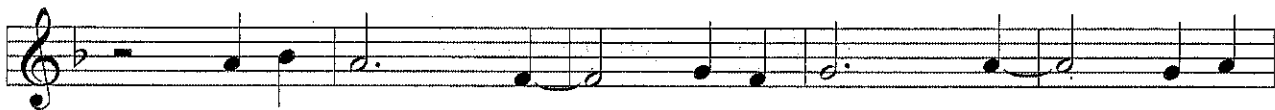
We've been mold - ed by the Cre - a - tor's hand. Here in



Je - sus we have grace to stand. Moving by the



Spir - it, we are made for love.



Sun and star - light, spark - ling wa - ters, morn - ing
In the wa - ter's ho - ly bless - ing, Spir - it
Live out jus - tice, treas - ure kind - ness, jour - ney



birds that ser - e - nade, in the i - mage of the
com - ing like a dove, we're a wit - ness to the
hum - bly ev - 'ry - day. We are called here in - to



Mak - er we are won - der - ful - ly made.
won - der; we are loved and so we love.
ser - vice, a for - giv - ing,, lov - ing way.

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Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Pastor:	Pastor Bob Lewis
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Laura Peuse
Deacons:	Grant Breyfogle and Braden Else
Greeters:	Liz & Dave Kistenmacher
Acolytes:	Leo Nedved
Special Music:	Sounds of Celebration
Sound and Video:	Randy & Kathy Vollmar
Coffee Hosts:	Deb & Dennis Krager Laura Peuse

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, February 5 - THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM	Worship / Holy Communion / Elijah Wetherell Baptism Installation of Congregation Council
10:00 AM	Coffee Hour & Fellowship
10:00 AM	Sunday School

MONDAY, February 6

7:00 PM	"Discovering God's Vision for your Life" class
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TUESDAY, February 7

2:00 PM	Worship at Holstein Senior Living
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WEDNESDAY, February 8

12:00 NN	Brown Bag Bible Study
5:00 PM	LOGOS - " <i>Gone Fishing</i> "

SUNDAY, February 12- MARTIN LUTHER, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM	Worship / Installation of new Committee and Task Force members
10:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship
1:30 PM	Worship at Good Samaritan Center