<u>Communion Practice</u>: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

#### A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

#### A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas) February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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The Order of Divine Service			Stand	
			The PrefaceTLH p. 24	
The Prelude	"Regent Square"	Rolf Unkel	The Proper PrefaceTLH p. 25	
The Ringing of the Bell			The Sanctus and BenedictusTLH p. 26	
Silent Prayer			The Lord's PrayerTLH p. 27	
Stand			The Verba DominiTLH p. 27	
The Blessing and Distribution of the Candles		INSERT	The Pax DominiTLH p. 27	
The Processional Hymns:			The Agnus Dei TLH p. 28	
"Thou Light of Gentile Nations"		TLH 138	Sit	
"To the Name of Our Salvation"		TLH 116	The Distribution	
Extinguish Candles			Stand—Extinguish Candles	
The Confiteor			The Post Communion Canticle"The Nunc DimittisTLH p. 29-30	
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15	The Thanksgiving("And His mercy endureth forever")TLH p. 30	
Versicles		TLH p. 15	The Post-Communion Collect	
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		TLH p. 16	Sit	
The Introit	(Tone 7)	INSERT	The Hymn"How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"TLH 48	
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17	Stand	
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19	The Salutation TLH p. 31	
The Salutation		TLH p. 19	The Benedicamus TLH p. 31	
The Collect for the Day		INSERT	The BenedictionTLH p. 31	
The Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord			Silent Prayer	
Sit			Sit	
The Lesson		Haggai 2:6-9	The Postlude"Mit Fried" und Freud"Dietrich Buxtehude	
After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.			Announcements	
	R: Thanks be to God.			
The Gradual		INSERT		
The Epistle		Malachi 3:1-4		
The Verse		INSERT		
The Triple Hallelujah	(Second Setting)	TLH p. 20		
Stand—Candles are re-lit				
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:22-32		
Extinguish Candles				
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22		
Sit				
The Hymn "In	Peace and Joy I Now Depart"	TLH 137		
The Sermon A	<i>My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvatio</i>	n		
Stand				
The Offertory "Creat	te in Me A Clean Heart, O God"	TLH p. 22-23		
Sit				
The Offering				
Stand				
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23		
Sit—Candles are re-lit during the Hymn		_		
The Hymn "Ang	gels from the Realms of Glory"	TLH 136		

# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (CANDLEMAS)



Almighty and Ever-living God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that, as Thine Only-Begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



#### Gradual

 $\parallel$  We have thought, O God, on Your loving kindness, in the midst  $\mid$  of  $\mid$  Your  $\mid$  Tem-  $\mid$  ple. \*

According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the  $\mid$  ends  $\mid$  of  $\mid$  the  $\mid$  earth. -

|| As we have heard, so have we seen in the ci- | ty | of | our | God, \* In His | ho- | ly | moun- | **tain.** - (*Psalm 48:9-10a, 8a*)

### Verse

|| Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! \*

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Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! -
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|| I will worship toward Your | ho- | ly | Tem- | ple \*

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And praise Your name. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia. - (Psalm 138:2a)
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# Haggai 2:6-9

<sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> "The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former," says the LORD of hosts. "And in this place I will give peace," says the LORD of hosts.

# Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.<sup>2</sup> "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 launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, as in former years."

# St. Luke 2:22-32

<sup>22</sup>Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD),"

<sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>So he came by 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, <sup>28</sup>he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup>which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

# TLH 138 "Thou Light of Gentile Nations"

Johann Franck, 1674

 Thou Light of Gentile nations, Thou Savior from above, Drawn by Thy Spirit's leading, We come with joy and love Into Thy holy temple And wait with earnest mind As Simeon once had waited His God and Lord to find.

2. Yea, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee, In ev'ry holy placeWhere Thy true Word has promisedThat we should see Thy face.Today Thou still dost grant usWho gather round Thee hereIn arms of faith to bear TheeAs did that aged seer.

3. Be Thou our Joy and Brightness,
Our Cheer in pain and loss,
Our Sun in darkest terror,
The Glory round our cross,
A Star for sinking spirits,
A Beacon in distress,
Physician, Friend, in sickness,
In death our Happiness.

4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end,So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:"O Lord, now let Thy servant Depart in peace, I pray,Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld His day."

5. My Savior, I behold Thee With faith's enlightened eye;Of Thee no foe can rob me,His threats I can defy.Within Thy heart abiding,As Thou, O Lord, in me,Death can no longer frightenNor part my soul from Thee.

6. Lord, here on Earth Thou seemest At times to frown on me, And through my tears I often Can scarce distinguish Thee; But in the heavenly mansions Shall nothing dim my sight; There shall I see Thy glory In never-changing light. Amen.

## **TLH 116 "To the Name of Our Salvation"** Unknown, 1496

 To the Name of our salvation Laud and honor let us pay,
 Which for many a generation Hid in God's foreknowledge lay;
 But with holy exultation
 We may sing aloud today.

2. Jesus is the Name we treasure, Name beyond what words can tell; Name of gladness, name of pleasure, Ear and heart delighting well; Name of sweetness, passing measure, Saving us from sin and hell.

3. 'Tis the Name for adoration;
'Tis the Name of victory;
'Tis the Name for meditation In this vale of misery;
'Tis the Name for veneration By the citizens on high.

4. 'Tis the Name that whoso preacheth Speaks like music to the ear;Who in prayer this Name beseecheth Sweetest comfort findeth near;Who its perfect wisdom reacheth Heavenly joy possesseth here.

5. Jesus is the Name prevailing Over every Name by right; At this Name, in terror quailing, Powers of Hell are put to flight; God, in mercy never failing, Saves us by this Name of might.

6. Therefore we in love adoring This most blessèd Name revere, Holy Jesus, Thee imploring So to write it in us here That hereafter, Heavenward soaring, We may sing with angels there. Amen.

**TLH 137 "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"** Martin Luther, 1524

 In peace and joy I now depart At God's disposing;
 For full of comfort is my heart, Soft reposing. So the Lord hath promised me, And death is but a slumber.

2. 'Tis Christ that wrought this work for me, My faithful Savior,Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see By Thy favor.Now I know He is my Life, My Help in need and dying.

3. Him Thou hast unto all set forth Their great SalvationAnd to His kingdom called the Earth, Every nation,By Thy dear and wholesome Word, In every place resounding.

4. He is the Hope and saving LightOf lands benighted;By Him are they who dwelt in nightFed and lighted.He is Israel's Praise and Bliss,Their Joy, Reward, and Glory. Amen.

# TLH 136 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the Earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, Come and worship; Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,Watching o'er your flocks by night,God with man is now residing,Yonder shines the Infant Light:Come and worship:Come and worship,Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;Brighter visions beam afar;Seek the great Desire of nations,Ye have seen His natal star:Come and worship,Come and worship;Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4. Saints, before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,

Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His Temple shall appear: Come and worship, Come and worship; Worship Christ, the new-born King. Amen.

# TLH 48 "How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"

Johan N. Brun, 1786

 How blest are they who hear God's Word And keep and heed what they have heard! They wisdom daily gather; Their light shines brighter day by day, And while they tread life's weary way, They have the oil of gladness To soothe their pain and sadness.

2. God's Word a treasure is to me, Thro' sorrow's night my sun shall be, The shield of faith in battle.The Father's hand hath written there My title as His child and heir, "The kingdom's thine forever."That promise faileth never.

3. Today I was my Savior's guest, My soul was here so richly blest, The Bread of Life receiving.Oh, may thereby my faith prevail, So that its fruits shall never fail Till my account is givenBefore the throne in Heaven! Amen.