<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

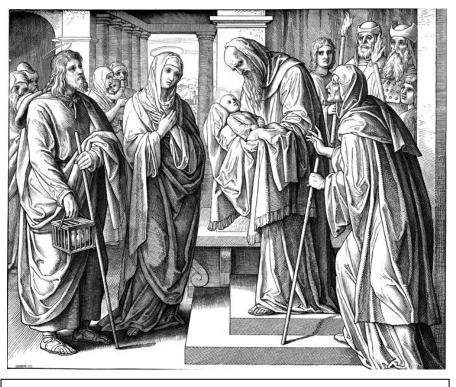
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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.



The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas) February 2nd, 2021

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"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." St. Luke 2:22

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The Ringing of t	the Bell		1
Silent Prayer			The Pax DominiTLH p. 27The Agnus DeiTLH p. 28
Stand			Sit
The Dedication and Distribution of the Candles & Processional INSERT			The Distribution
The Processional Hymns:		TI I I 1 0	
"Thou Light of Gentile Nations"		TLH 138	The Hymn"Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old"TLH 249Stand
"To the Name of Our Salvation"		TLH 116	The Post Communion Canticle <i>"The Nunc Dimittis</i> TLH p. 29-30
Extinguish Candles			1
The Confiteor			
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15	The Post-Communion Collect
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The Salutation		TLH p. 19	The BenedicamusTLH p. 31
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The Collect for Septuagesima			Silent Prayer
Sit			Sit—Extinguish Candles
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. R: Thanks be to God.		d.	Announcements
The Epistle		Malachi 3:1-4	*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.
Stand—Candles d	are re-lit during the Gradual and Tract		
The Gradual		INSERT	
The Tract		INSERT	
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:22-32	
Extinguish Candl	les		
The Nicene Cree		INSERT	
Sit			
The Hymn	"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"	TLH 137	
The Sermon	A Light to Bring Revelation to the Ge	entiles	
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The Offertory Sit	"Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God'	, TLH p. 22-23	
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The Hymn Stand	Angels from the Realms of Glory		
The Preface		TLH p. 24	

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



Introit

WE - HAVE - || thought, O God, on Your | lov- | ing- | kind- | ness. * In the midst | of | Your | Tem- | **ple.** -|| According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the | ends | of | the | earth. *

Your right hand is full | of | right- | eous- | **ness.** - (*Psalm 48:9-10*) || Great is the Lord and great- | ly | to | be | praised *

In the city of our God, in His | ho- | ly | moun- | tain. -

|| God is in | her | pal- | a- | ces; *

He is known | as | her | re- | fuge. -

|| As we have heard, | so | have | we | seen. *

God will establish | her | for- | ev- | er. -

|| For this is God, our God forev- | er | and | ev- | er; *

He will be our guide e- | ven | un- | to | **death.** - (*Ps. 48:1, 3, 8a, c, and 14*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

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Collect

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 | ends | of | the | **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! *

Al- | --- | le- | lu- | ia! -

|| I will worship toward Your | ho- | ly | Tem- | ple *

And praise Your name. | Al- | le- | lu- | **ia.** - (*Psalm 138:2a*)

Haggai 2:6-9

⁶ 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; ⁷ 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. ⁸ "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine," says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ "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

¹ "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.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 launderer's soap. ³He 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. ⁴Then 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

²²Now 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 ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD),"

²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵And 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷So 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, ²⁸he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; ³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³²a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

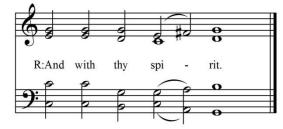
The Candlemas Dedication of Candles and Processional

The Rite of Dedication of the Candles

The Celebrant chants the Salutation:



And the people respond, chanting:



The Celebrant chants the prayer:

Let us pray. Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God, through Whom all things out of nothing were created; and hast on this day fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon. We humbly beseech Thee, that as we make use of these candles in Thy holy Church, that through the invocation of Thy holy Name and through the intercessions of Thy beloved Son, Whose Presentation we devoutly celebrate this day, Thou wouldst hear our voices from Thy holy Heaven and from the throne of Thy majesty, and be merciful unto all who cry unto Thee, Whom Thou hast redeemed by the precious Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

The people respond, chanting:



The Celebrant chants the next prayer:

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, True Light, that enlightens every man who comes into this world, pour out Thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of Thy grace. As these lights burn with visible fire and dispel the darkness of night, so may our hearts with the help of Thy grace be enlightened by the invisible fire of the splendor of the Holy Ghost, and may be free from all blindness of sin. Clarify the eyes of our minds that we may see what is pleasing to Thee and conducive to our salvation. After the dark perils of this life let us be worthy to reach the eternal light; through Thee, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

The people respond, chanting:

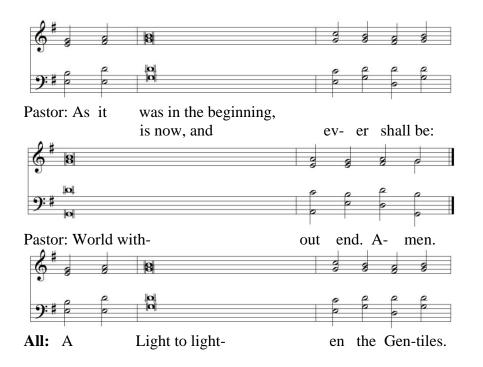


Then the Celebrant censes the candles.

After the Dedication, individual candles are distributed to everyone by the Celebrant, the people approach the Chancel entrance in a single file to receive their candles.







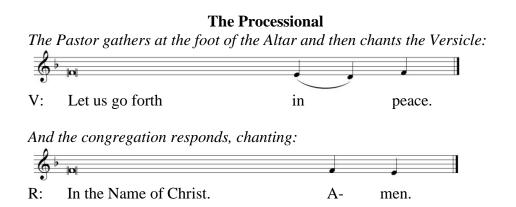
When the people receive their Candles they light their candles by tipping their unlit candle to light from the lit candle and then return to their seats to wait for the Procession.

After the Procession all extinguish their candles.

The candles are re-lit during the Gospel Procession and are extinguished again just before the Creed.

The candles are again re-lit during the Hymn before the Preface and extinguished after the Benediction.

The worshipers may request a beeswax candle to be taken home after the Service. These candles represent the Baptismal candle that was given to us at our Holy Baptism. Every year we receive a new Baptismal candle so that with oil in our lamps and a freshly trimmed wick we may meet the Bridegroom, when He comes to bring us into the Wedding Feast of Heaven.



The Organist introduces the Hymn, the procession starts, and the congregation joins the procession after it passes them going down the center aisle.

Hymn: TLH 138, "Thou Light of Gentile Nations" 1. 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.

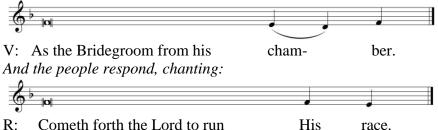
4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end, So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend: "O Lord, now let Thy servant Depart in peace, I pray, Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld His day."

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 frighten Nor 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.

Station at the Place of the Dedication of the Candles:

Having completed the Procession, the Celebrant chants the Versicle.



The Celebrant chants the Collect:

Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, we beseech Thee, grant that we may know and praise Thy dear Son, even as Simeon of old, taking Him in his arms, spiritually knew and with his lips confessed Him; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

And the people respond, chanting:



The Organist introduces the Hymn, and the Procession starts: Hymn: TLH 116, "To the Name of Our Salvation" 1. 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.

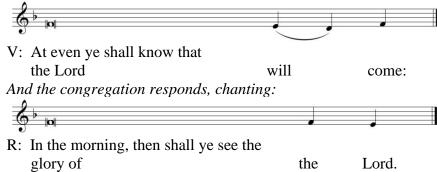
4. 'Tis the Name that whoso preacheth Speaks like music to the ear;Who in prayer this Name beseecheth Sweetest comfort findeth near;Who its perfect wisdom reacheth Heavenly joy possesseth here.

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.

Station before the Altar:

Having completed the Procession, the Celebrant chants the Versicle:



The Celebrant chants the Collect:

Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son to be our Savior, a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel, we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts, that we may know Thy grace and fatherly will in Him toward us, and obtain everlasting life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

And the people respond, chanting:



The Candles may be extinguished. The Service continues with the Confiteor.

The Nicene Creed





+ —indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverance (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

TLH 138 "Thou Light of Gentile Nations"

Johann Franck, 1674

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

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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 249 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old" Martin Luther, 1526

1. Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old The Lord of all in Spirit did behold High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright, With flowing train that filled the Temple quite. Above the throne were stately seraphim, Six wings had they, these messengers of Him. With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet, With twain in reverent awe they hid their feet, And with the other twain aloft they soared, One to the other called and praised the Lord: "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!" The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high. 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.