



CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Divine Service

The Feast of the Purification of Mary &
Presentation of Our Lord

✠ February 8, 2026 ✠

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

“In like manner, on Easter Sunday, we say, This day the Lord rose from the dead, although so many years have passed since His resurrection. But no one is so foolish as to accuse us of falsehood when we use these phrases, for this reason, that we give such names to these days on the ground of a likeness between them and the days on which the events referred to actually transpired, the day being called the day of that event, although it is not the very day on which the event took place, but one corresponding to it by the revolution of the same time of the year, and the event itself being said to take place on that day, because, although it really took place long before, it is on that day sacramentally celebrated. Was not Christ once for all offered up in His own person as a sacrifice? And yet, is He not likewise offered up in the sacrament as a sacrifice, not only in the special solemnities of Easter, but also daily among our congregations; so that the man who, being questioned, answers that He is offered as a sacrifice in that ordinance, declares what is strictly true?”

—St. Augustine
Letter 98

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE I

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit: Magnus Dominus

Psalm 48:1-3, 8; Ant. Psalm 48:9



We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of | all the earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city | of our God,*
which God will establish for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

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Gradual

Psalm 48:1, 8, 9



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain!
As we have heard, so | have we seen*
in the city of the | LORD of hosts.
We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Alleluia

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Cantor:

Luke 2:34b

Behold, this child is ap- | pointed
For the fall and rising of many in | Israel.*



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-35

Office Hymn

All Prophets Hail Thee

(Tune #439)

The Church has always battled heresies, and one of the greatest to arise in the Western Church was Arianism, which taught that Jesus was merely a great exalted created being, and not truly God. In order to counteract this false belief, the Church instituted the so called 'Marian Feasts,' such as the Purification of Mary, honoring her for her role as the 'Mother of God' as our Confessions affirm. In so blessing the Virgin Mary with this title, we recognize the deity of the Son she bore, and so confess our Nicæan Faith in this hymn by the medieval theologian, Maurus.

1 All prophets hail thee, from of old
announcing,
By the inbreathèd Spirit of the Father,
God's Mother, bringing prophecies to
fullness:
Mary the maiden.

3 In the high temple Simeon receives thee,
Takes to his bent arms with a holy
rapture
That promised Savior, vision of
redemption,
Christ long awaited.

2 Thou the true Virgin Mother of the
Highest,
Bearing incarnate God in awed
obedience,
Meekly acceptest for a sinless offspring
Purification.

4 Now the fair realm of paradise attaining,
And to thy Son's throne, Mother of th'
Eternal,
Raised all glorious, yet in earth's
devotion
Join with us always.

△ 5 Glory and worship to the Lord of all things
Pay we unresting, who alone adorèd,
Father and Son and Spirit, in the highest
Reigneth eternal.

Sermon *Hannah, Mary, & the Worthy Sacrifice*

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Distribution Hymns

If Your Beloved Son, O God

(Tune #622)

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| 1 If Your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression. | 3 I trust in Him with all my heart;
Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through Him I now obtain;
He washes me from ev'ry stain,
And pure I stand before Him. |
| 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
Despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died
That, reconciled, I might abide
With You, my God, forever. | 4 All righteousness by works is vain;
The Law brings condemnation.
True righteousness by faith I gain;
Christ's work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice,
Has paid the all-sufficient price;
In Him my hope is anchored. |

△ 5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid
On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
The good in me to You I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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No Temple Now, No Gift of Price

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Altar Guild: Nancy Teal

Elder: Eric Held
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields
Cantor: Keith Martin

Ash Wednesday Services: Epiphany is soon drawing to a close, for the penitential season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 18th**. We will observe Ash Wednesday with a prayer office and the imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come pray with us as we reflect on our Lord's suffering for our sake.

Lenten Vespers: Join us throughout this penitential season as we gather weekly to meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord. Vespers will be held on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 beginning February 18th**.

Lenten Dinners: Throughout our sojourn in Lent, we will gather at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays** for food and fellowship before weekly Vespers (**beginning February 25**). If you would like to contribute, you may find the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Confession & Absolution: During the season of Lent, Pastor will be in the sanctuary from **5:15-5:45 p.m. each Wednesday** for open (i.e., unscheduled) confession. Come confess your sins as we approach the foot of the cross this season.

Choir, Arise! Holy Week and Easter will be here before we know it! Choir will resume rehearsals for the coming season on **Ash Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.** Come join us in the balcony and make a joyful noise!

Readings for next Sunday, February 15th, Feast of the Transfiguration:
Introit Ps. 99:1-5; Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: February 9 – February 15

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Matins
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
	9:30 a.m.	LifeLight
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – Feast of the Transfiguration

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For comfort, health, and recovery:

Donna Carson, Cole Fortenberry, John Garner, Elmer Held, Joseph Holleman, Sharon Holleman, Elaine Johnson, Alex Kates, Merlyn Lauber, Richard Mullis, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Dean Walker

For those who are ill or distressed:

Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitz, Barbara Zeigler

For college and graduate students:

Sara Fields, James Hansford

For military servants and their families:

Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum

This week's prayer family:

The Haines Family and their loved ones



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