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FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 + PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please stand)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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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.

KYRIE (*Read Responsively*)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Glory to God"

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth...

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray...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 MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 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.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 24:7-10 (Read Responsively)

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: 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.

Response: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please stand)

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter...***Glory to you, O Lord.***

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

²² When 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"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now 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. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided 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, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And the child's father and mother

were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then 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 ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There 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, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At 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. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN:

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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APOSTLE’S CREED (p. 105)

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 THE PEOPLE

Response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary)

OFFERING HYMN:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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HOLY COMMUNION (p. 144)

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.144)

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

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.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

"As with Gladness Men of Old" #302

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please Stand)

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BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. Amen.

HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light"

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SENDING (p. 146)

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God!**

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Tim and Ann Ripplinger in memory of loved ones who appreciated broadcasts when they could no longer attend services in person.

Community Closet: The community closet will be open on Monday, February 24th from 5 to 7 pm. Volunteers will be needed on Sunday, February 23rd, 6-8 pm to set up and then again on Monday the 24th, 7-8 to close.

Property Manager Position at OSLC After a number of years, Bobby Koepplin has decided to retire, effective Dec.31, 2024. We appreciate his dedicated service to Our Savior's. We are currently searching for a replacement. This position manages OSLC's apartments and parsonages, along with supporting the infrastructure needs of our church home. **Bobby has put together an operations manual to guide the new person when they assume this role.** Please contact LouVay White, Margaret Dahlberg, or Pastor Nicholas if you would like more information.

Do you enjoy visiting with people on an individual basis? Are you comfortable at care facilities and in another's home? Do you like to talk....and listen? Not afraid to pray with someone? If you affirm any of these you could be part of a Caring Ministry Team at Our Saviors! This can be a great way you can have a positive impact on, and be Jesus' presence for, someone. Even a faint amount of interest counts. Guidance and training provided. Please contact, or talk with, Pastor Rich.

Our church council has worked with the congregations in the Kathryn-Nome-Fingal parish to help support their worship and ministry during this period when they are without a pastor. As of January 1, 2025, our pastors are providing pulpit support three Sundays per month plus visitation for members of the parish who are in care facilities. This means that, three Sundays each month, the pastor who preaches at our 9:00 service then drives to Kathryn, Nome, or Fingal to lead worship there at 11:15. We have a six-month trial contract so we can see how this works for everyone involved; since we are blessed with two pastors at OSLC, it's great that we are able to share resources and support each other during this time of transition.

Klub Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City: Trinity Lutheran Church is holding a Klub Dinner on Saturday, February 15th, 4-6pm. Klub is a traditional Scandinavian potato & ham dumpling. There will be a free-will offering to raise money for a new boiler heating system at the church. All are welcome!

The Hi-Liner Food Pantry, serving VCHS students and families, continues to collect donations in the tote near the welcome center. To donate to the Bridges Backpack Program, please make your check out to and mail to: **Bridges Backpack Program, Inc., 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072**. Suggested donations include: canned chicken or tuna, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, canned ravioli, Spaghetti O's, and granola bars.

Coffee and Fellowship Hosts: Hosts are needed for our fellowship times following worship on Sunday mornings. Hosting can be as simple as making sure the coffee is on and running and providing a light treat. You can sign up on the clipboard on the counter in the Gathering Room and be in touch with Pr. Nicholas with questions.

Missionary Calendar and Radio Broadcasts: As we begin a new year please take a moment to sign up to sponsor days on the Missionary Calendar (\$25) and/or a radio broadcast (\$100). Just give Ann in the church office a call. If you reserved radio broadcasts in previous years, please confirm that you would like to continue to do so in 2025.

Altar Committee: The Altar Committee is looking for a couple more volunteers who would set up communion for Sunday worship. Please contact Ruth Nathan for more information or if you would like to help out.

A look ahead at the week of February 2nd – February 9th, 2025

TODAY: 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:00 am | Sunday School
 10:00 am | Coffee & Fellowship
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
 10:30 am | Staff Meeting
 1:30 pm | Pastors' Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
 6:30 pm | Confirmation - Trinity
 8:00 pm | Sr High

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (2/9): 9:00 am | Worship
 9:00 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
 10:00 am | Sunday School
 11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast