

Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025



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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

The children of God by faith are grafted into the flesh and blood of Jesus—the mitigator of fear and the destroyer of death. And so we are mightily fortified with Christ to withstand temptation’s assault, because He is our merciful companion in every respect. Therefore, along with Simeon we revel in knowing, seeing, and believing in the incomparable revelation and glory of Jesus—our salvation in living and dying.

Holy Communion – Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran church are asked to speak with the pastor or one of the elders before receiving the Lord’s Supper.

Contact Information – To request prayer or to set up an appointment, contact the church office at 853-3217 or stpeterhilbert@gmail.com. If you have concerns or spiritual needs, please contact Pastor Peterson or one of the elders.

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

Hymns: 842, 940, 533, 514, 851, 803

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Rev. Mark E. Peterson
Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus
Altar Guild: Dan & Cindy Koffarnus

This Week at St. Peter
February 2-9, 2025

Sunday, 2/02	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday, 2/04	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, 2/09		Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany <i>(Isaiah 6:1-13; 1 Cor. 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11)</i>
	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service Fellowship
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Statement on Holy Communion

I believe that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. With His help I will amend my sinful life. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and, under the form of the bread and the wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others.

In the Lord's Supper, the risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present, and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practice close(d) Communion.

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

Introit

Psalm 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: v. 9

P We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

C in the midst of your temple.

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C in the city of our God!

P His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all
the earth,

C Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

P Within her citadels

C God has made himself known as a fortress.

P As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD
of hosts, in the city of our God,

C which God will establish forever.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

C in the midst of your temple.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1, 8a, 9

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C in the city of our God, his holy mountain!

P As we have heard, so have we seen

C in the city of the LORD of hosts.

P We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

C in the midst of your temple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women In Mission Meeting and Bible Study – Our February meeting will be held on February 11th at 1:00. Come join us as we make more plans for this year and consider additional mission opportunities.

Elders Meeting Thursday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Information Updates – As we begin the new year, we are updating some of our funeral items, so we can best serve our families. On the desk in the hallway are lists of members who are willing to serve at a funeral and/or bring a dessert. Please take a moment to check the lists to make sure the info is correct. If you are not on the list, but would like to help, please add your name. Any questions can be directed to Missy DuPrey or Bonnie Teinert.

Member Directory Updates – The member directory has been updated and is in the narthex next to the member information update forms. Please review the directory and submit corrections or additions by marking right in the directory or by filling out a form. Directory printing is planned for the week of February 16th.

Gifts from the Heart – Souper Bowl Sunday – We are off to a great start with our food items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Chilton. On or immediately after Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9th, we will gather everything we have donated and will take it to Chilton. This food pantry serves all people in the Chilton area, including Hilbert. Just a small donation by each of us, when added together, can provide nourishment for a family. What a blessing that we are able to serve our Lord by helping others.

Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

Old Testament

1 Samuel 1:21–28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

Epistle

Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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 male who first 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.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous 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. ²⁷And he came in 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 ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.