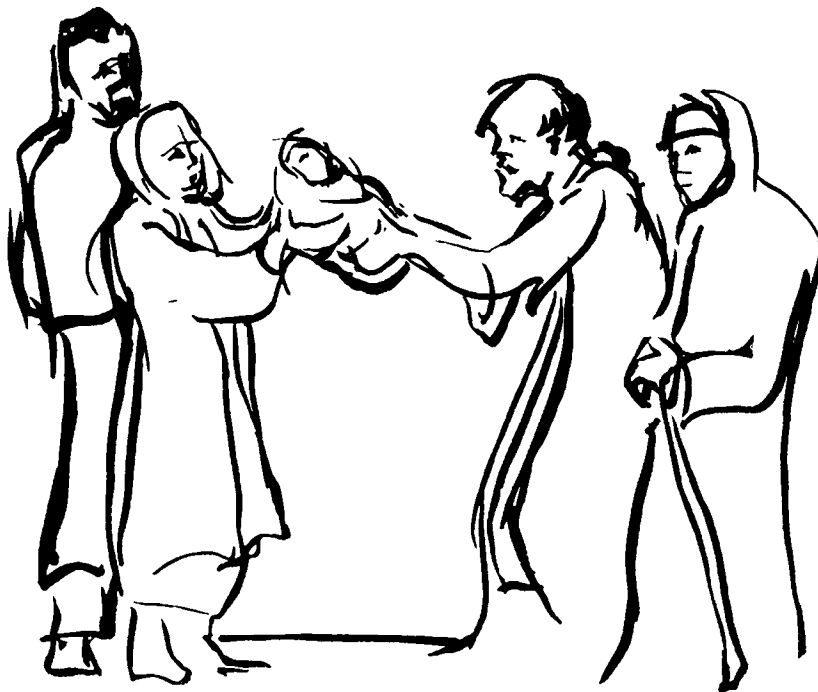


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Presentation of our Lord
February 2, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document. If you are joining us online, please send the office an email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Lani Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

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

C 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.

P 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.

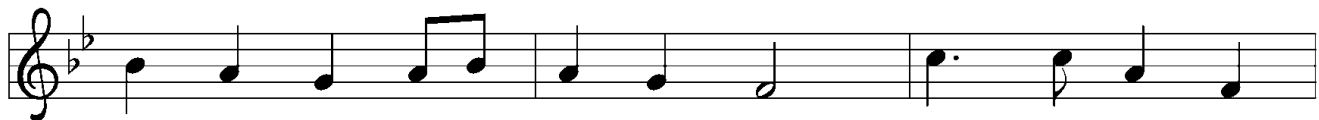
C Amen.



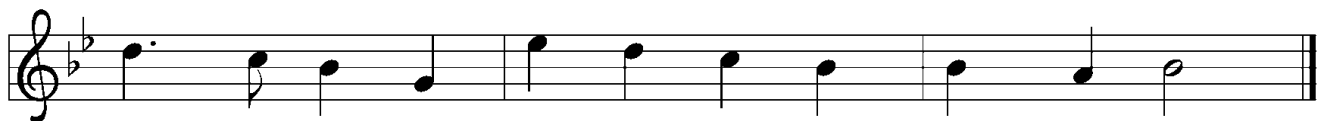
1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
 2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
 3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
 4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
 hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
 weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
 love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
 cre in per - fect faith they dic. Al - le - lu - ia!
 seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
 by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



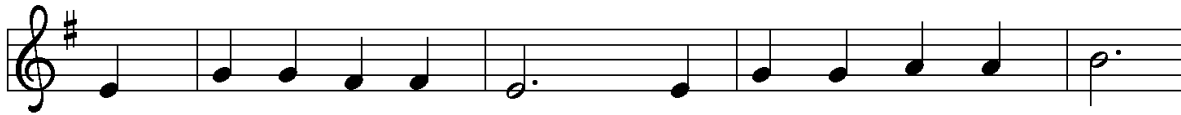
his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

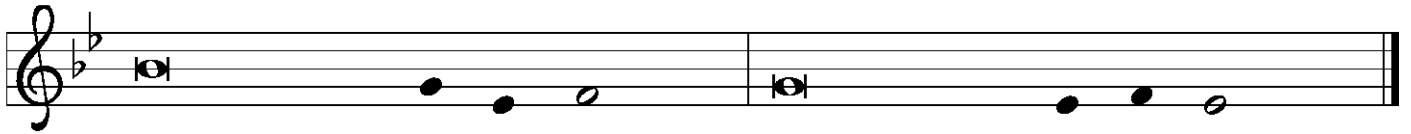
A A reading from Malachi.

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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ 84



- A** ¹ How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!
- G** ² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the
LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**
- A** ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may | lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and
my God.
- G** ⁴ **Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you.**
- A** ⁵ Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
- G** ⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it
a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**
- A** ⁷ They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.
- G** ⁸ **LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;
give ear, O | God of Jacob.**
- A** ⁹ Behold our defend- | er, O God;
and look upon the face of | your anointed.

C ¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a [|] thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents [|] of the wicked.

A ¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing [|] grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk [|] with integrity.

C ¹² **O** [|] LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their [|] trust in you!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

A A reading from Hebrews.

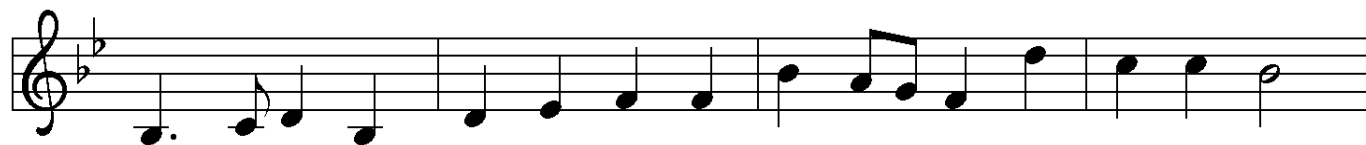
¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

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.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

We stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

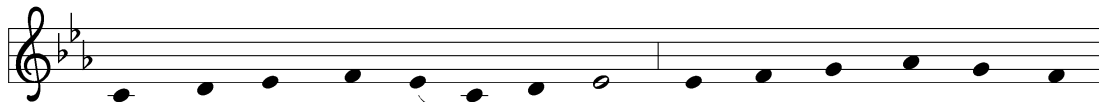
SERMON



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** 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 INTERCESSION

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends:

A God of grace,
G hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
G Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G And also with you.

+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING ~ CHOIR *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* John Carter

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~ Jesus, the Light of the World ACS v. 2



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je - sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je - sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

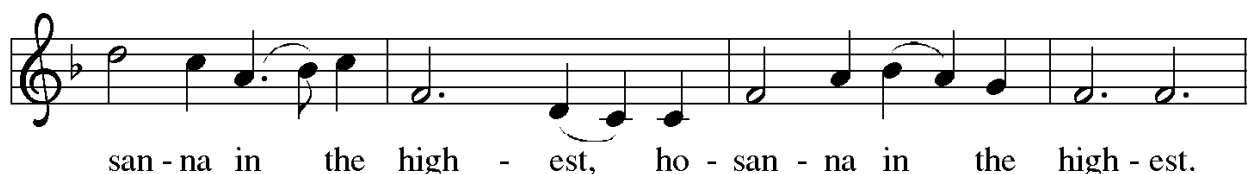
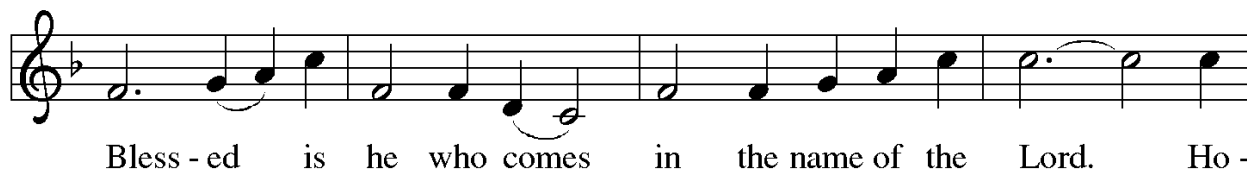
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....
...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

- P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup....
...to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit....
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place....
...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.
- C** 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

C Amen.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



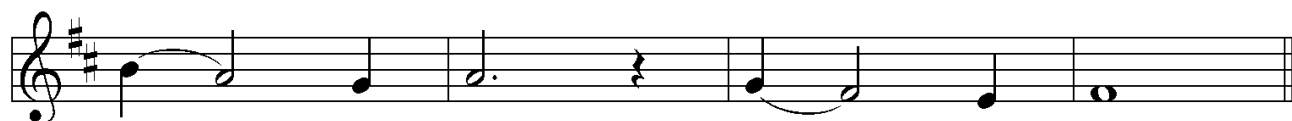
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table of the Lord who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements by intinction, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.

COMMUNION HYMN~ *When Memory Fades*

ELW 792



1 When mem - 'ry fades, and rec - og - ni - tion fal - ters,
 2 As frail - ness grows, and youth - ful strengths di - min - ish,
 3 With - in your Spir - it, good - ness lives un - fad - ing.



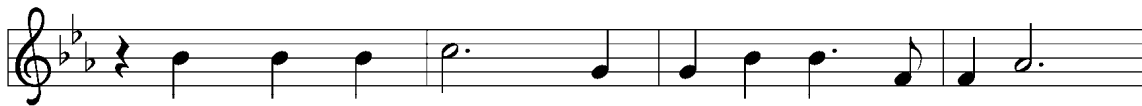
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds con - fused,
 in wea - ry arms which worked their ear - nest fill,
 The past and fu - ture min - gle in - to one.



speak to our souls of love that nev - er al - ters;
 your ag - ing ser - vants la - bor now to fin - ish
 All joys re - main, un - shad - owed light per - vad - ing.



speak to our hearts, by pain and fear a - bused.
 their earth - ly tasks, as fits your mer - cy's will.
 No val - ued deed will ev - er be un - done.



O God of life and heal - ing peace, em - pow'r us
 We grieve their wan - ing, yet re - joice, be - liev - ing,
 Your mind en - folds all fi - nite acts and off - 'rings.



with pa - tient cour - age, by your grace in - fused.
 your arms, un - wea - ried, shall up - hold us still.
 Held in your heart, our death - less life is won.

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

G Amen.

+ Sending +

BLESSING



P Almighty God, Father, † Son, **G** A - men
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

SENDING HYMN ~ *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

ELW 313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad-ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *Allegro Vivace*

G.F. Handel, arr. Lani Smith

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✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

Please continue to sign-in each week. This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.

WELCOME ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

REMINDER: The church office continues to have varied office hours M-F. Someone is here most afternoons, but it would be best if you call the office to make sure that someone is available. Do not hesitate to contact someone via email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS CHART IS UP BY THE RESTROOMS: When you sign up for either flower or bulletin donations for a Sunday, please just write your name on the sign-up charts. Then inform Julie directly either on a Sunday, via email, or via phone call with what you would like printed in the bulletin. This will help in making sure names are spelled correctly. Please also make your monetary donation directly to her or put on the office desk, not in the offering plate. Thank you!

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*The bulletin is also posted prior to the service and can be found in the same way.

*After the service, you can watch on our Lord of Life website – under the Worship Tab.

HELPING NEEDS SAFELY: FRONT DOOR POLICY UNDERWAY

The Church Council and staff are developing a *Door Policy at Lord of Life*, which, when complete will be communicated with the congregation and its leaders.

Effective immediately, the front doors of the church will remain locked to the public and unknown visitors at all times, except prior to worship services. Please utilize the doorbell buzzer and intercom system to the left of the church front doors to access the building. Once inside the church, we ask that **you refrain from opening the doors to unknown visitors.** Simply notify a staff member that you encountered a visitor seeking pastoral or social assistance and rest assured follow up pastoral care and/or social service information will be provided. Protocols for staff and volunteers to communicate and extend assistance via the church intercom system is forthcoming. Thank you for helping us live out our principles of compassion in a world impacted by disorder and violence.