

February 2, 2025—Presentation of our Lord

Prelude

*"Kofysanka (Lullaby)" by Adam Kopyciński (inmate conductor)
In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz*

Opening Hymn

ELW #665 *"Rise, Shine, You People!"*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Prayer of the Day

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.

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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

¹ How dear to me ^l is your dwelling,
O ^l LORD of hosts!

² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts ^l of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the ^l living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may ^l lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king ^l and my God.

⁴ Happy are they who dwell ^l in your house!
They will always be ^l praising you. R

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength ^l is in you,
whose hearts are set on the ^l pilgrims' way.

⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a ^l place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with ^l pools of water.

⁷ They will climb from ^l height to height,
and the God of gods will be ^l seen in Zion.

⁸ LORD God of hosts, ^l hear my prayer;
give ear, O ^l God of Jacob. R

⁹ Behold our defend- ^l er, O God;
and look upon the face of ^l your anointed.

¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a ^l thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents ^l of the wicked.

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

¹² O ^l LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their ^l trust in you! R

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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW #732 "Borning Cry"



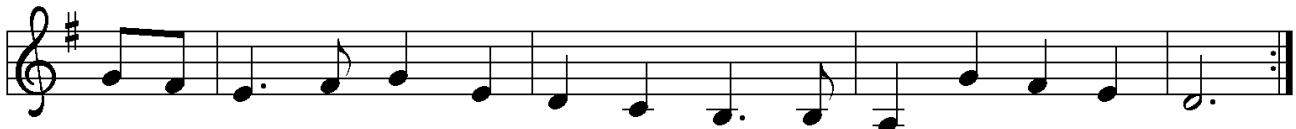
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



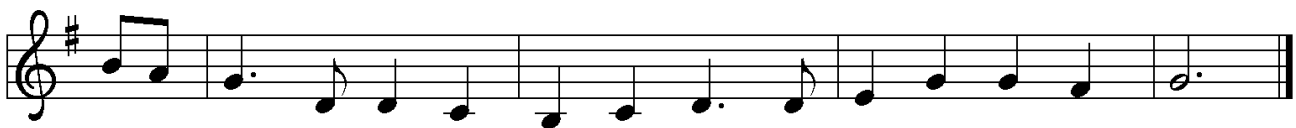
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



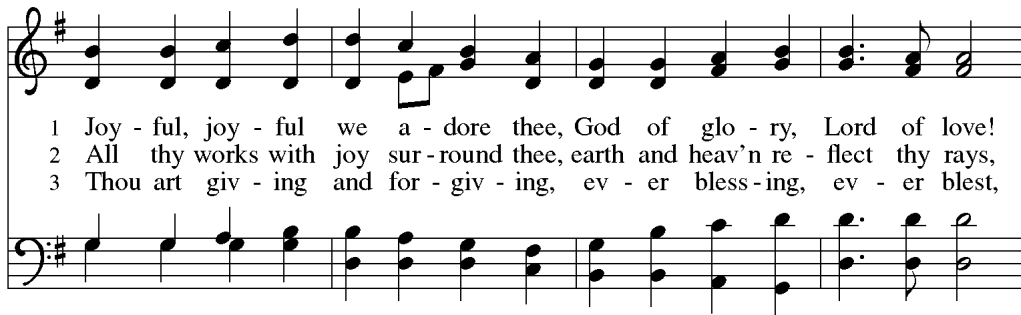
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Offertory Anthem

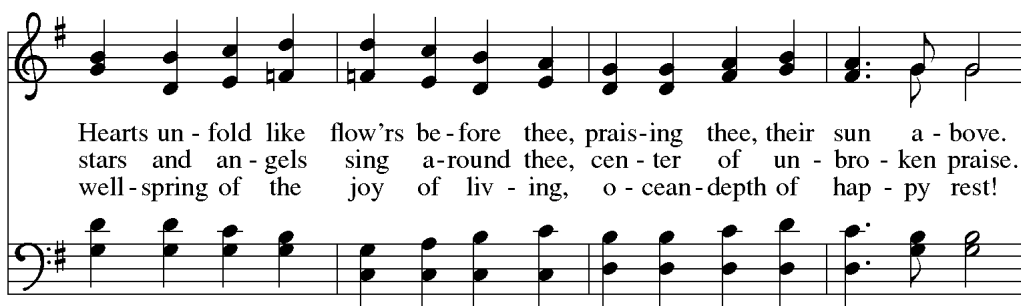
"Along the Songhua River" | "松花江上"

Closing Hymn

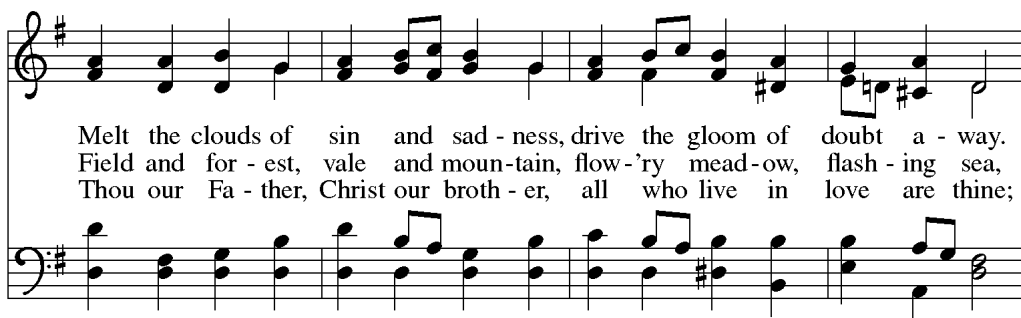
ELW #836 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Postlude

"March Triomphale" (Maestoso) by Paul Fey

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Rachel, Sandy, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Elizabeth, Dee, Nick, Mike

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Christina Formeller

Lector: Jocelyn Lemish

Greeter: John DeCorah

Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander Avery Sujkowski

Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

'Second Sundays' concert – February 9th

Join us next Sunday for our next 'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm in the Concordia Church sanctuary. We will welcome Jordan Thomas, harpist, to perform. It is sure to be a musical delight!

Valentine's Day Gala – February 15th

Hear Tres Belle and Lakeshore Brass at the Concordia Church 'Love Your Neighbor' Gala in honor of Valentine's Day. Bring your partner, your best friend, your neighbor, or just bring yourself! It will be a nice focused on love in its many forms. Tickets are \$60/adults and include treats and drinks of all kinds. Tickets for youth under 21 years of age are \$15/each. You can order tickets at concordiafaith.org/concerts.

Adult Study

Adult study is held on Sundays at 9am in the church office. This session will study C.S. Lewis' book 'Mere Christianity' (for which you will need to purchase a copy). Discussion can also be available virtually via Zoom; let Pastor know if you'd like to join via this route. Connect with Pastor Zook for more details.