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8 & 10:30 a.m.

*"Every firstborn . . . you  
shall redeem . . ."*

We find such a statement foreign to our way of thinking — it is like another language because it is another language: salvation language. It is foreign to our way of thinking because we

often forget that all our blessings come from the Lord. He made them and entrusted them to our care. This includes our children. God not only created every thing but every person. The same is true of our salvation: it is ours only in the sense that it has been given to us, but it remains the Lord's salvation because He made it and gave it to us. Be blessed this morning as, still reflecting upon Christmas, Pastor preaches on **TODAY'S INTROIT & LUKE 2:22-40** on the theme: **"YOUR SALVATION: GOD'S WORK (JESUS AT THE TEMPLE)!"** †



† **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

† **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS &  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

† **PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We are delighted to have you

join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

**P** "Haben Sie ein froehliche Weinachten, und ein gesegnetes neues Jahre!" — Know what I mean? Some of you know the German language. Most of you do not.

**C** It means "Have a Merry Christmas, and a blessed new year!" To know what it means, someone has to interpret the language.

**P** Much of what happens in the Bible people do not understand. It is a foreign language to us. It is salvation language. God acted in the lives of people in a different culture than ours to give the whole world salvation.

**C** Jesus is the interpreter for us! He tells us about God's salvation. He is salvation!

**P** And God wants you to have a faithful and properly trained pastor who teaches you the translation, that is, the whole truth of God's Word for your soul's salvation! The Lord bless you as He comes to you this morning with His salvation!

*"A Family of God's People <sup>We are:</sup> Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"*

**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Sunday School & Bible Classes: Sundays, 9:10 a.m.

**DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.**

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Sponsoring: **THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

**Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

† THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS — LSB 203

† THE INTROIT (Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 52:10)

**P** *The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,*  
**C** **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**P** *Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!*  
**C** **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

**P** *The LORD has made known His salvation;*  
**C** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**P** *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*  
**C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

**P** *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;*  
**C** **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**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** *The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,*  
**C** **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

† THE KYRIE AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — LSB 204

† THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY — LSB 205

**ALL** (spoken) **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him Who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** (spoken) **Amen.** (Here all may be seated.)

† THE OLD TESTAMENT READING — **EXODUS 13:1–3A, 11–15** — *The law of the consecration of the firstborn (and the reason for it) is taught to the Israelites.*

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| <p><sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> <b>“Consecrate to Me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is Mine.”</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .” <sup>11</sup> “When the</p> | <p>LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup> you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup> Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons</p> |
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you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup> And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup> For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*    **L**    **C** **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **THE GRADUAL**

**P** *To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.*

**C** **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**P** *Sing to the Lord a new song,*

**C** **for He has done marvelous things!** (Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a)

✠ **THE EPISTLE READING — COLOSSIANS 3:12–17** — *How shall we live after Christmas?*

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*    **L**    **C** **Thanks be to God!**

✠ **THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE** — **LSB 205** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

**P** *Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia.* (Luke 2:30, 32)

**(ALL SING the Alleluia's, Verse, and Alleluia's as printed on p.205)**

✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL READING — LUKE 2:22–40** — *At the Temple, Simeon and Anna see Jesus, worship Him and speak about God's salvation.*

**P** *The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter:*

**C** (spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> 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 <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup> Now 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. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And 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, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup> that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. <sup>34</sup> And 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 <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And 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, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And 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.

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

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



(spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

✝ **THE CREED — The Apostles’ Creed —** LSB 207

✝ **A CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** — Your fav. Christmas gift . . . and who paid for it . . .

✝ **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** — “*Let All Together Praise Our God*” — LSB 389

✝ **THE SERMON - Text:** TODAY’S INTROIT & LUKE 2:22-40

**Theme:** “YOUR SALVATION: GOD’S WORK (JESUS AT THE TEMPLE)!”

✝ **THE PRAYERS** — after each petition: **P** *Lord, in Your mercy . . .*

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

✝ **The Offering** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshipping with you and greet them in the Lord! Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **THE OFFERING HYMN** (stand to sing) — “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” — LSB 361:1, 4

1. <sup>+</sup> O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, HOW STILL WE SEE THEE LIE!  
 ABOVE THY DEEP AND DREAMLESS SLEEP THE SILENT STARS GO BY;  
 YET IN THY DARK STREETS SHINETH THE EVERLASTING LIGHT.  
 THE HOPES AND FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS ARE MET IN THEE TONIGHT.



4. <sup>+</sup> O HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM, DESCEND TO US, WE PRAY;  
CAST OUT OUR SIN, AND ENTER IN, BE BORN IN US TODAY.  
WE HEAR THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS THE GREAT GLAD TIDINGS TELL;  
O COME TO US, ABIDE WITH US, OUR LORD IMMANUEL!

✝ THE COLLECT FOR PATIENCE AND HUMILITY — *responsively, below*

**P** O God, by the patient endurance of Your only-begotten Son You beat down the pride of the old enemy.

**C** Help us to treasure rightly in our hearts what our Lord has borne for our sakes that, after His example, we may bear with patience those things that are adverse to us;

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen. (Please remain standing.)

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER — *in unison*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**ALL** 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.

✝ THE BENEDICTION — LSB 212

✝ THE HYMN — "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" — LSB 366:3, 4

✝ THE SILENT PRAYER — Here worshipers are encouraged to take a private moment for personal reflection and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Word of salvation which we have here received. Then, when Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit with those near them or exit on their own.

✝ THE POSTLUDE/RECESSIONAL



# Emmanuel!



God with us!

THE ORGANIST

8 & 10:30 a.m. .... James Hailey

