



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. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 205) *(sung)*

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 2:22-40**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

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. 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. 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, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

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

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, 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. 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.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 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. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 206**

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 389 “Let All Together Praise Our God”** *(stand for last stanza, A-men)*

**SERMON:** Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

**Congregation: and the meditation of our hearts,**

**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand if you are able)*

*(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Arlin Winkelman, Kenneth Koester, Jean Menke, June Lawrence, C. John Prigge, Jim Guebert, Jane Donjon, Alice Guebert, Wayne Liefer, Stuart Langrehr, Kathy Liefer, Susie Harms, Rebekah Liefer, Jackie Quintin, Addelyn Rahn; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Ruth Hecht, Henry Hunter, John Hudak, Jennifer King, Margarette Schrader, Joe Muertz. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

*(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen” *arranged by J. G. Walther*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**PREFACE and SANCTUS:** page 208

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER:** page 209

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:** page 209

**THE PAX DOMINI:** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 210

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

**370 “What Child Is This”**

**380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**385 “From East to West”** *(please stand for the last stanza, “A-men”)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** “Song of Simeon” page 211

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 212

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:** page 212

**CLOSING HYMN: 937 “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “Land of Rest”

*arranged by Raymond H. Haan*

*Acknowledgments* Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.