



## ***Presentation of Our Lord***

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Black History Month

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

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### **WELCOME**

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. Today is also the first Sunday of Black History Month. We are excited to begin our celebration with a coffee hour and Temple Talk.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: 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.**

## OPENING HYMN

### This Little Light of Mine

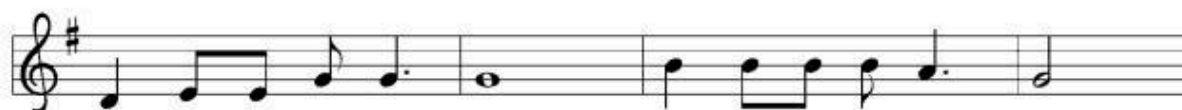
(TFF 65)



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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## GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**Jesus In The Morning**  
**Verses 1 and 2**

(TFF 167)

<sup>1</sup> *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon-time; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.*

<sup>2</sup> *Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, praise him in the noon-time; praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: 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. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Malachi 3:1-4**

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. 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; 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 84

*Read responsively*

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

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

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.

**Happy are they who dwell in your house!**

**They will always be praising you.**

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

**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.**

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

**LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

**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.**

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.

**O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## **SECOND READING**

## **Hebrews 2:14-18**

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, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 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. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Spirit Of The Living God**

(TFF 101)

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

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

P: 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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated 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; this

man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 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, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 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 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." 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, 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. 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. 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.**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON**

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Give Me Jesus**

*(TFF 165)*

*The hymn is on the next page.*

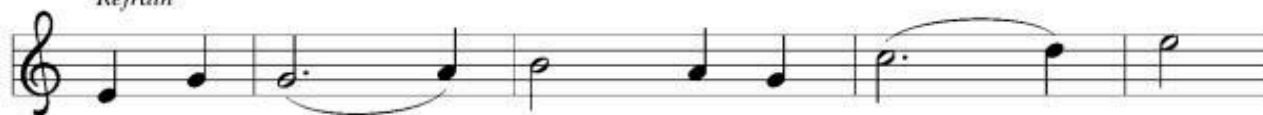


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

### *A Reading from John 1:1-5*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your Salvation.

**C: Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

P: Let us pray,

**C: O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, you have created all things from nothing; you have on this day fulfilled the prayers of Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. We your servants desire to carry them in our hands when in praise and in fellowship, We praise you with our hymns and prayers: Hear our voices; be merciful to all who cry to you, who you have redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, who lives and reigns with you, God forever and ever.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, truly light that enlightens each and every, who comes into the world, bestow your blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of your grace.... Through you, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who in perfect Trinity lives and reigns, God, for ever and ever.

**C: Amen**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

#### **WE SHARE PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

#### **QUIET TIME**

Hope Musicians

#### **OFFERTORY**

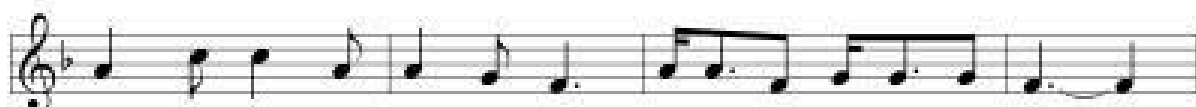
**Jesus The Light of The World**

*(TFF 59)*

*The hymn is on the next page.*



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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of grace,

**C: 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. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**



## **SANCTUS**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*(TFF pg. 38)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

#### **Let Us Break Bread Together**

*(TFF 123)*

#### **Blessed Assurance**

*(TFF 118)*

### **BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **CANTICLE**

#### **Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises**

*(TFF 158)*

*refrain* Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. (Repeat).

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Tell to all the joyful gospel (repeat, then back to the refrain).

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Nourishing God,

**C: 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, Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: AMEN.**

## SENDING SONG

**Lead Me, Guide Me** (TFF 70)  
Please turn to 70 of your TFF hymnal.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Worship Participants this Week

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck

**Ministers:** All worshippers

**Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

**Reader:** Kim Fedrick

**Worship Assistant:** Lawrence Hendrix

**Acolyte:** Pom Linder

**Usher:** Florine Castleman

## Worship Leaders Next Week

**Reader:** Janet Ligon

**Worship Assistant:** Matthew Hazzard

**Acolyte:** Deven McDaniel

**Usher:** Kim Fedrick

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**PRAYER REQUESTS** Kay Strahler, Bill Alsnauer, Grace Winfrey, Edward Ligon, Alice Ligon, Doris Nelson, Morris Scruggs, Danielle Carpenter, Gloria Jones, Tracy Snow, Rosa Campbell, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** Following worship, you are invited to stay to taste cakes and pies that members have shared. Be sure to look at the displays. We will also watch a portion of the movie Origin, based on the book Caste.

**MUSICIAN SEARCH** Thanks to everyone that helped thank Jacob for his ministry with Hope Church and to celebrate the next chapter in his professional career. The Church Council has appointed a search committee for the Lead Musician position; recruitment activities are underway. Any questions or suggestions may be addressed to Pastor Smeck.

**PARACLETE POST** Paraclete Post has scheduled the next “packing days”: February 11 and March 13 at 9:30 a.m. Those present at the last packing day know that ‘many hands make light work’, and make it fun, too.

### **EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP CONCERT**

The Fellowship will present a concert on Sunday, February 23rd, at 4:00 PM. The concert, which will be held at St. Philip Episcopal Church, will focus on Music in African American worship. There will be a program narrator and will include music from various genres--call and response, hymns, spirituals, anthems, and gospel. Participation is open to choir members, members of the congregation, choir directors, and musicians.

### **PROPERTY CONCERNS**

Please send emails to [office@hopecolumbus.org](mailto:office@hopecolumbus.org) with concerns. You will be contacted quickly.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK**

You are invited to join other members for conversation after service.

### **CALENDAR**

Feb 2nd - BHM Coffee hour with pies and cakes

Feb 9th - Mission Possible Celebration *Growing in Giving*, following worship

Feb 16th - BHM Coffee hour with cobblers and puddings

Feb 23rd- BHM Potluck

Feb 23rd- Eastside Fellowship Concert at 4 PM

### **GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP**

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

\*Download the Venmo app

\*Set up bank account info, or debit card info

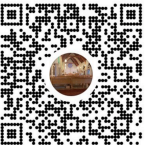
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\*Church user name — @HopeLilley-820

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### **General Offerings**

Received: \$9,714

Anticipated: \$10,557

Over / (Short): (\$843)

**Capital Improvements:** \$1,798



*We welcome all people into our community of faith and invite them to join us as we seek to understand God's love for us and strive to be faithful messengers of that love.*