

Old Testament

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two

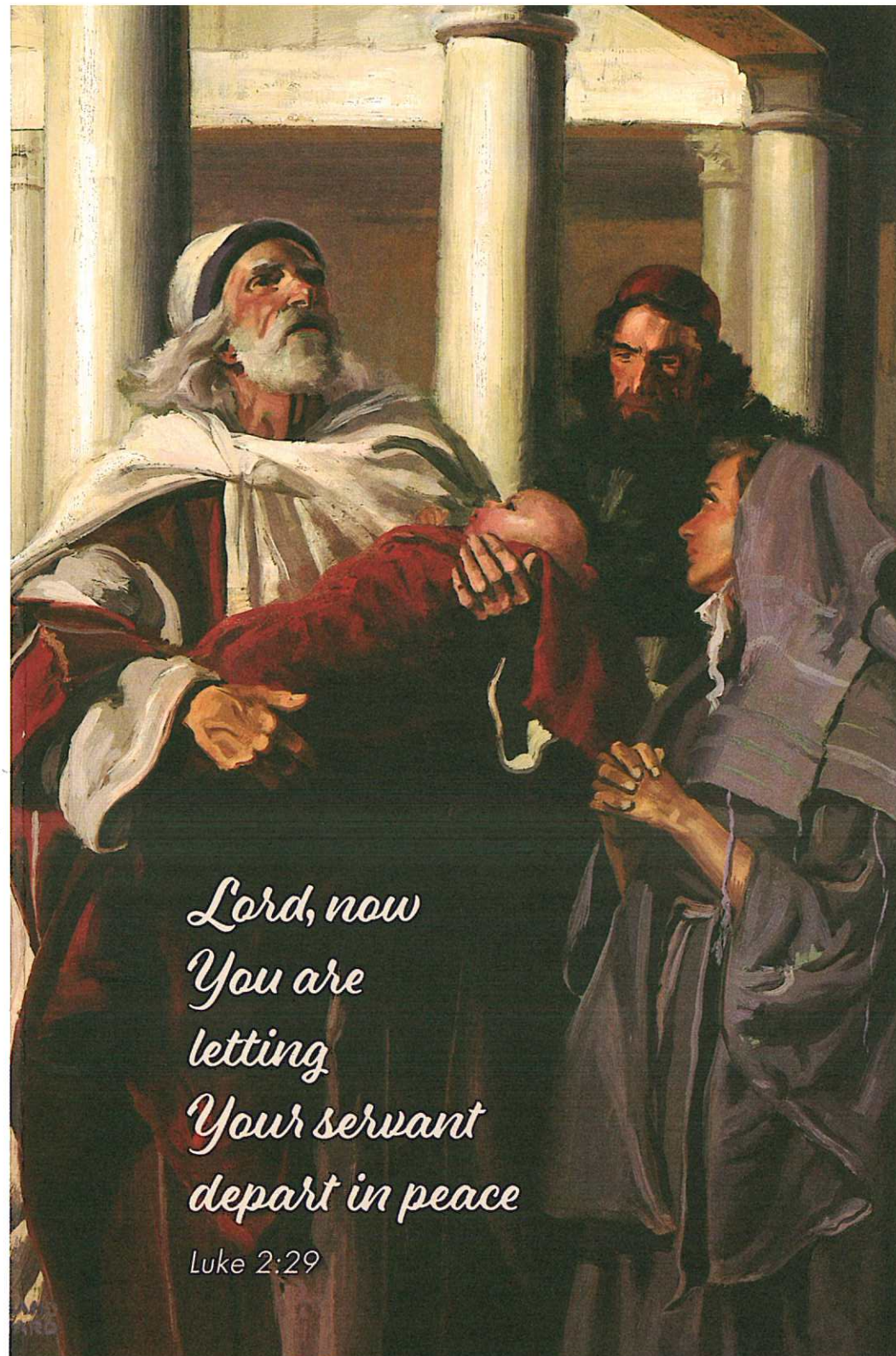
young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

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

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

About the Cover: We find it awesome when we witness God's plan fulfilled and we have no hand in it. Simeon trusted in God's promise of a Savior, and when Jesus was brought to him, he recognized God's plan was complete. Through faith, we also see God's plan fulfilled in our lives as well as in the lives of others. We are comforted, just as Simeon was, in the knowledge of God's love and salvation for us.



*Lord, now
You are
letting
Your servant
depart in peace*

Luke 2:29

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 367, 389, 805, 368, 380, 733, 899
Sermon: "Is the Birth Day Over?"
Luke 2:25-40

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

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| Attendance 12/20 (Wed.): 55 | Offering: \$399.00 |
| Attendance 12/24 (Sun.): 304 | Offering: \$10,297.00 |
| Attendance 12/25 (Mon.): 71 | Offering: \$1,390.00 |

Budget Needs: \$3,330.00

Scrip Profit 12/24: \$137.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

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| WED (1/3) | 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/comm. |
| THUR (1/4) | 6:30 p.m. – Adult Information Class |
| SUN (1/7) | 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/comm. 10:00 a.m. – Undecorate Church after service |

THANK YOU to Pastor Dennis Sundell for sharing God's Word and leading us in worship today.

PASTOR KRUEGER is baptizing his granddaughter today and will return sometime tomorrow.

CHURCH UNDECORATING will take place after church on Sunday, January 7.

NEWSLETTER HARD-COPY - If you would like a hard-copy of the church newsletter, please contact the church office and we will put one in your church mailbox each time it is printed.

REMINDER that Annual Report items are due January 3, 2018. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2018.

2018 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up now.

TRINITY LUTHERAN DAYCARE – PART TIME CHILDCARE PROVIDER POSITION - Trinity Lutheran Church-Rantoul is looking for a part time childcare teacher that will work with children infant to school age. (6 weeks to 12 years) This candidate needs to be a responsible, positive, upbeat, reliable, patient person who has a love for children and exhibits Christian values. If you have any questions regarding this position, please call (920) 853-7142. Applications may be picked up at the daycare facility, N6079 West River Rd. Hilbert, WI 54129.