

Old Testament *Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“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.”

³Then 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. ...

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you 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. ¹³Every 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 you shall redeem. ¹⁴And 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.’

¹⁵For 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.”

Epistle *Colossians 3:12-17*

¹²Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing 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. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let 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. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

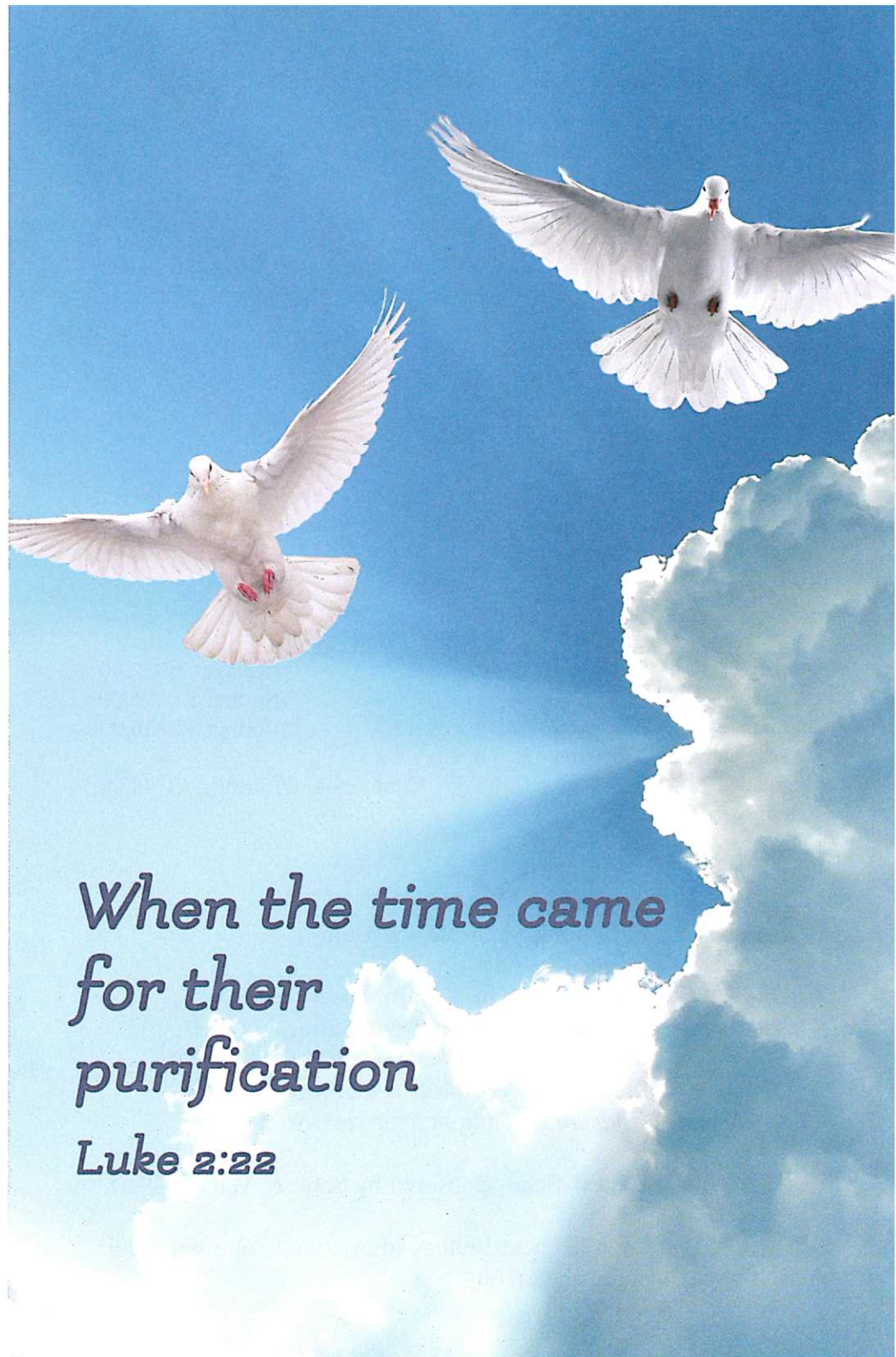
Holy Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

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.



When the time came
for their
purification

Luke 2:22



About the Cover: Christ has fulfilled the Law in every way from the moment of His birth. Not even the rite of purification and two turtledoves are lacking. Christ has done all things well, and His work is all-sufficient. There was nothing left undone as He cried out on the cross, “It is finished” (John 19:30). As the season of Christmas continues, we see that all of this is for us.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 379, 375, 412 vs. 3-4, 374 v. 3, 937, 389 vs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 358 vs. 1, 4, 10, 15, 387, 368, 392, 388

Sermon: "Give Love as a Gift"
Colossians 3:12-17

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

Attendance 12/19 (Wed.): 49	Offering: \$917.00
Attendance 12/23 (Sun.): 101	Offering: \$2,291.00
Attendance 12/24 (Christmas Eve 4 p.m.): 187	Offering: \$3,836.00
Attendance 12/24 (Christmas Eve 8 p.m.): 52	
Attendance 12/25 (Christmas Day): 55 Comm.: 46	Offering: \$745.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (12/31) 5:30 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
TUES (1/1) Office Closed
WED (1/2) 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
SUN (1/6) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
Undecorate Church after service

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Scott & Mary Eickert.

HELP UNDECORATE next Sunday after church. We will begin as soon as people are ushered out.

WORLD RACE PRESENTATION & BREAKFAST - Sunday, January 13 @10 a.m. Join us as Nicole Wittmann gives us a recap of her 11-month mission journey and shares with us a Central American breakfast. Breakfast will consist of eggs, beans, fruit, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, January 9. There is no cost.

REMINDER: Annual Report items are due January 1, 2019. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

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.

2019 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so as soon as possible as some box numbers have changed since last year. They are located on the table in the narthex.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Luke 2:38 "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." Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

