

## Historic Scripture Lessons for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 11:1-5 NIV** A Shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD – 3 and He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears; 4 but with Righteousness He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

### Epistle

**Galatians 4:1-7** What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. 2 He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. 3 So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. 4 But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit Who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

**Historic Gospel (Almost same as 3-Year Gospel & Sermon Text) Luke 2:33-40**

### 3-Year Gospel-B (Sermon Text)

**Luke 2:25-40** Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the LORD's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the Child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took Him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign LORD, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen Your Salvation, 31 which You have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a Light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel." 33 The Child's father and mother marveled at what was said about Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother: "This Child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a Sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the Child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the LORD, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas     Presentation of Christ  
*Jesus the Lamb of God* ✠ December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 9:30 am



*Historic Church Year Symbol Set for New Year/Name of Jesus: Luke 2:21  
On the 8<sup>th</sup> day the Baby was taken to be circumcised and given the Name Jesus.*

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Christmas-1 Presentation

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On gold, then silver liturgy sheets or red TLH p.5

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Invocation Hymn	99 (3v)	Now Are the Days Fulfilled
Psalm 25	25 (3v)	To You O LORD, I Lift My Soul; to You I Lift.. 7
Hymn of the Day	139 (4v)	In His Temple Now Behold Him
Offertory Verse	XXX (3v)	As Each Happy Christmas Dawns on earth 7
Third Hymn	98 (5v)	Of the Father's Love Begotten
Closing Hymn	136 (4v)	Angels from the Realms of Glory

### Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 1st Sunday after Christmas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isa. 55:1-13	Isa. 61:1-11	Micah 4:1-8	Isa. 56:1-8	Isa.12:1-6	Isaiah 60:1-6
Luke 2:21	Matt2:16-18	Matt.2:19-23	Matt.3:1-12	Luke 3:1-9	Matt.2:1-12

### PROPERs for PRESENTATION = 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS 8 DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>

**INTROIT** Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever. Your throne is established of old; Your are from everlasting. The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. ...from Psalm 93

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Your gracious will, that in the name of Your beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God... **C: J A---men.**

**GRADUAL C: You are fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into Your lips. My heart is inviting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Alleluia!** ...from Psalm 110

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin →)

O.T. Isaiah 11:1-5	(Jesus =) A Shoot will spring up from Jesse's stem.
Epi. Galatians 4:1-7	When the exact right time came, God sent His Son.
Gos. Luke 2:25-40	Simeon and Anna rejoice in seeing their Savior, Jesus.

**Psalm 25 REFRAIN: To You, O LORD, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.**

Verse 1. J Lord, \_ Make me know Your ways, Teach me Your paths, And keep me in the way of Your truth, \_ For You are God, my Saviour.

**Refrain C: J To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.**

Verse 2. J For- the-Lord is good and righteous, \_ Revealing His way, To those who seek Him, \_ Gently leading the poor, and the humble.

**Refrain C: J To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; To You, I lift my soul.**

Verse 3. J To-the-ones who seek the Lord, \_ Who look to His Word, Who live in His Love, \_ He-will-always be near; He will show them His mercy.

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**OFFERING 1. As Each Happy Christmas - Dawns on earth again, Comes the Holy Christ Child - To the hearts of men.**

**2. Enters with His blessing - Into ev'ry home, Guides and guards our footsteps - As we go and come.**

**3. All unknown, beside me - He will ever stand, And will safely lead me - With His own Right Hand. (A- -men.)**

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Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Everyone - Volunteers	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker
Treaters	Joan Patrick	Volunteer

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance/(L.S.)/X/mas	21/(17) / 15/18	24 / 21
Bible Class Attendance (Sunday)	6	8
Sunday Offering for LORD/X/mas	\$. \$. \$	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today, Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 12 JC, Hero of Faithful
First Sunday after Christmas (NY Eve)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Holy Communion)
NY Evening Worship	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, Coffee ...Please stay & talk
	7:00 pm	Special New Year's Eve Worship (W/ L.S.)
Next Sunday 1/7/18	8:30 am	Bible Study Heb. 12 JC, Hero of Faithful
Epiphany-1 Sunday (Observed from 1/6)	9:30 am	Divine Worship (W/ Holy Communion)
	10:45 ff...	Fellowship, ...Please stay & UNdecorate!

Our Savior Elders are: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Steve Wendt 858-3611 & Don Wienke 815-8892. Please contact with any concerns.

Next Sunday 1/8 Epiphany(1) (L.S. p.15) TLH #s 127 134 648 343 47

✪ A very blessed, healthy & Happy New Year 2017 to all! ✪

**PRESENTATION(CHRISTMAS-1B) Luke 2:22-40 "PRESENTATION" 12/31.17 OSL**

INTRODUCTION (Still,) Merry (7<sup>th</sup>) Day of CHRISTmas. Jesus is *still* the Reason for the SeaSON. – Today we have His presentation in the temple at 40 days. It's a "Temple Event," as the Lord comes to His temple yet in a hidden way, as a 40 day old infant. **Everything here cries out "fulfillment."** Jesus is the fulfillment of OT Israel. He is the Son of Israel, the Son of Abraham, Son of David, the true Davidic King. He is **prophet** and **priest**. He is everything promised of Israel in One Man. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple on the 40th day, this is **no coincidence, but fulfillment**.

The **prophetess Anna** also speaks fulfillment. The number of her life's years bears witness that she is living in the time of fulfillment. **Together with Simeon, she waited and watched** in the Temple for the coming Messiah. She remembered the passage from **Malachi**: "*Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple, the messenger of the covenant whom you desire, will come,*" says the LORD Almighty.

And so **these two senior citizens of Israel** watched and waited; the prophet and the prophetess, embodying OT Israel. Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Messiah. Usually the case is you find out you don't have long to live. But Simeon learned he wasn't going to die until he had laid his eyes on the promised One of Israel. That wasn't so much a death sentence as it was a **life's sentence**. Every day Simeon would awaken and wonder, "*Is this the day?*" Everyone who came to the Temple would make him wonder, "*Is this the One?*"

Then one day Mary and Joseph came to the temple with Jesus, 40 days old. It was their(/her) purification day. Stop right there. **Purification day? For what?** Mary was a **virgin**, and her Child was the **sinless Son of God**. Who needs any purification? This was as pure a Birth as there could possibly be. Ah, but **here's the Gospel**. Whatever Jesus does, and whatever is done to Him, is to **fulfill all righteousness, to fulfill the Law**. At eight days He was **circumcised** under the Law. At forty days, He was brought to the Temple, in accordance with the Law of Moses. He has joined the human race, not only sharing in our flesh and bone, but **sharing in our burden, the burden of being sinners under the Law**.

**It is also His redemption day. Think about it.** The Redeemer is brought to the Temple to be redeemed. Every first-born male was holy to the Lord. Even the animals. They had to be redeemed, bought back with blood. **The Redeemer is redeemed by the blood of two doves, the poor man's sacrifice.** "*He was poor for ours sake, so that by His poverty we might become rich.*" It's all there already in place – Jesus the **Substitute**, Jesus the **Redeemer, Holy** to the Lord, **dedicated to die in our place**. And all of it, before Jesus can utter a word or even walk. Like a baby brought to Baptism, the Lord of all must be carried to His temple for His first appearance.

When Simeon saw the holy family and looked at this Child, his old heart must **have skipped a beat** as the Spirit testified to his spirit that this was the promised One, the One he had been waiting for all these years. He gathers the little One in his **tired arms** and lifts his **cataract-blurred eyes** to Heaven (bulletin cover), seeing clearly through the eyes of faith. And he prays:

**Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace - According to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles - And the glory of Thy people Israel.**

You know that hymn. You sing it almost every Sunday after the Lord's Supper. You sing it with Simeon after you receive the Body and Blood of the promised One, His gift to you. Just as genuine a presence as Simeon you pray with Simeon. "*Let your servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word.*" **I can die now, in peace.** That's what it means. **Simeon was ready and waiting to die.**

**The Cross looms large of this passage. Did you catch it?** "*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.*" This Child, embraced by Simeon and Anna, of whom the prophets of Israel spoke, would be rejected by Israel. "*He came to His own, but His own people did not receive Him.*" His coming precipitates a crisis of faith and unbelief, of rising to faith in Him or falling in unbelief against Him. There is **no middle ground, no neutral position when it comes to Jesus**. You either trust Him or you don't. You can't refashion Him or reinvent Him. **You receive Him as He is – your Christ and Lord and Savior, or you reject Him in unbelief.**

**This Child comes with a sword and a Cross.** Mary would live to see her Son crucified. She would stand at the foot of the Cross and watch her first-born die. The sword would pierce her gentle soul too. What a burden that must have been for her to bear! She knew that this Child did not belong to her; she was there in the Temple to redeem Him back from the Lord with a sacrifice. But she knew that she could only have Him for a little while. **He came to save His people from their sins.**

**The Child of the manger is born with blood on His hands. No escaping.** It's the **blood of our sin**, our rebellion against God, our atheism, our rejection. In the first week of Christmas, we have **St. Stephen** the first Martyr, (St. John the Apostle) and the Feast of the **Holy Innocents**, commemorating the baby boys of Bethlehem who died at King Herod's sword for no other reason than they resembled Jesus. That's a harsh way to celebrate the joy of Christmas, but it faces squarely the reality that this cute little Baby all swaddled on Christmas morning is a **Warrior destined to do battle with the darkness, the devil and his demons, with Death itself.**

The work of **Redemption is bloody work**. It's **not** with un-bloody **gold or silver** that we are redeemed from sin, death, and the Law. That would be a tidy **transaction – the way we like it**. But we are redeemed by Christ's holy precious Blood, and His innocent suffering and death, of which the baby boys of Bethlehem were only a picture and Rachel's tears were a preview of blessed Mary's tears as she beheld her Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

CONCLUSION **Christmas joy inevitably gives way to reality.** Presents are unwrapped, the tree eventually gets put out on the curb or packed away, the lights grow dim, we return to our business as usual whatever that may be. We will be facing a challenging year financially, personally, spiritually. Some of you may not have jobs or an income next year. Some of you are facing health crises or family issues. None of us knows what the coming days, weeks, and months will bring.

**But like old Simeon and Anna in the temple**, we are given to embrace the Christ-Child in Word and Sacrament, and having embraced Him in the arms of faith, we are prepared for the future, because this Child of Mary, this Baby of Bethlehem is our future. Israel's glory, our Light and our Life. **I'N, Amen. SDG**

**The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. Alleluia! We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia! No one has ever seen God; Save He Who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known. Alleluia!**

**Possible Prayer of Church ✧ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

*The fullness of time has come, God has sent forth His Son to redeem us. Therefore, with confidence that He will hear us, let us pray to the Lord. (Brief silence)*

For all those who have received God's adoption as sons, that they would continue to rejoice in all that He has done for them, grow in faith and bear witness to others, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod, that God would make them places where righteousness and praise sprout up, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who struggle with regret and guilt over sin, especially those who have terminated a pregnancy, that they would find in God total forgiveness and a righteousness that shines forth as brightness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, that God would grant us wise leaders who would serve with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the suffering, the lonely and all who call upon God in their time of need, especially **OSL Prayer List**

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That He would answer their cries for mercy and, according to His will, grant them healing, relief, companionship and patience to endure in the face of trials, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who commune at this altar today, that they would depart from here in peace, knowing that they have seen and tasted salvation in the Lord's Supper, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn and those who are remembering their loved ones who have died in the faith, that they would find comfort in the communion of saints, the promise of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend to You all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in Whose Name we pray. **Amen.**

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