

*They brought Him  
up to Jerusalem*

LUKE 2:22



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**February 2, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Worship Service at 10:30 am  
Divine Service Setting Three (Page 184)**

Prelude  
Announcements

**Opening Hymn: What Child Is This #370**

**Sermon Hymn: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus #374**

**Theme “Jesus, the Child”**  
**1. As a child, teenager, young man he fulfilled the law of God perfectly.**  
**2. Because He has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help us in our days of trial and error.**  
**3. He loves and cares for us through thick and thin, for better and for worse.**

**Closing Hymn: I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus #729**

**WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod on this day, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany.**

**Prepare for Worship.** Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

**The Nursery/Lounge** is located just past the Ladies room, off the Narthex. Please be assured that children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service.

**Fellowship Register:** We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

**Flowers are given to the Glory of God**



## Old Testament Reading:

### 1 Samuel 1:21–28

<sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

### Epistle: Hebrews 2:14–18

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that

he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–32

<sup>22</sup>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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32a</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”



### Epiphany

**About the Cover:** Mary and Joseph did as the Lord’s Law instructed and brought the Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus’ whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.