

## Luke 2:25-40

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup>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>Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, <sup>29</sup>Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word,

<sup>30</sup>because my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared before the face of all people,

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

<sup>33</sup>Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, <sup>35</sup>so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup>Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him

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*Our Mission is to glorify God by growing in the Word,  
enabling us to reach, preach, teach, and share  
Christ's saving truth with all people.*

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**Communion** Trinity Lutheran practices the Bible teaching of "close" communion". This means that those who are "close-knit" by a common confession of faith should properly commune together. If you are visiting from a fellow WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to join us in Holy Communion. Please speak to pastor before the service. If you are visiting from another denomination, we respectfully request you to refrain from communing at this time. If you have any questions or desire to discuss what God teaches about this precious sacrament, please ask. We are eager to hear and share over an open Bible.

#### **Families With Children**

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Parent's with small children are an important part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never viewed as an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. If you need a moment, there is a cry room out the main doors and to the left.

#### **First Sunday After Christmas: Peace On Earth**

**Setting 1 pg. 154**

**Hymns 356 355**

**Psalm 2**

**Distribution Hymns 330 950**

**Organist** Thank you to Jim Wilsmann and all those who use their talents to beautify our worship service.

**Flowers** The Flowers on our altar are given in Glory to God by Trinity Ladies Aid.



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS:**

**-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 12/24, 12/31—CLASSES RESUME 1/7  
MERRY CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!**

### **Mission Fest-January 21**

**On January 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew Doering, will be presenting to us on his recent visit to Mexico with one of WELS 1LA (Latin America team) missionaries. Please join us between services to listen to highlights from WELS ongoing efforts to sow Gods Word in mission fields across the globe. There will be a door offering to help support the 1LA mission field.**



### **Epiphany Dinner**

**Our Epiphany Dinner will be held on Saturday January 6th at the Osceola Town Hall. Doors open at 5:30 and the meal will be served at 5:45 pm. Forms can be found on the back counter. Cost is \$20 per person. Please make checks payable to: TLCS PTF**