

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is **January 28, 2025**

This past Sunday was:

Epiphany 3

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

Jesus return to His hometown of Nazareth had surprising results. One would think they would gladly receive the boy they once knew, and at first it was so. But Jesus wasn't there for nostalgia, He was there to show them the Christ. He had come to release us, them, and all from the world's curse. The Nazarenes thought only of themselves.

Next Sunday, February 2 is:

Presentation of our Lord

On this 40th day after Christmas we return to Jesus' infancy for a day to hear the Word about Mary and Joseph and their presenting their first-born at the temple as was required.

The readings are:

[1 Samuel 1:21-28](#)

[Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

"In His Temple Now Behold Him"

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Grace Events This Week

Wed 1/29 (7p) - Weekday School

Thu 1/30 (9:30a) - Thursday Morning Bible Study

Formula of Concord Readings For the Week of Feb. 2

Ep II, 1 (p. 477)

AC XVIII (p. 40-41)

Presentation of our Lord

February 2, 2025

Psalm: Psalm 84

Old Testament Reading: 1st Samuel 1:21-28

This passage reminds us of the incredible faith of Hannah. She who was barren in the womb and tormented by her husband's other wife, was faithful to the Lord and His promises. When she made a vow to give her firstborn son to the Lord we hear of how she kept this vow. It would have been easy for any one of us in our weakness to relent on such a vow and keep the child to ourselves after the Lord so graciously provided. But Hannah proves faithful. "Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD."

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us of why it was necessary and true that Jesus became fully man (while still also fully God). By becoming man Jesus is also now able to die for us. He comes to deliver us from this "lifelong slavery" we find ourselves in through fear of death. Thus He became like us "in every respect" that He might also be our High Priest, offering sacrifice for us. And what is that sacrifice? Nothing less than His own body and blood. Jesus the High Priest offers up Himself, the Lamb of God, to make payment for our sin.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

This passage follows up the amazing birth account of Jesus in the first 20 verses of Luke 2. We now hear of the events when Jesus is 40 days old and presented at the temple as was required by the law. Mary was also there for her own purification after childbirth, also required by the law. There at the temple they meet Simeon and Anna, both of whom were so richly blessed to meet the Christ child. Both praise God at the coming of the Savior.