

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

1/1/2023

WE PRAY: Lord Jesus Christ, born into the old covenant, Bringer of the new, grant us who are baptized into Your saving Name grace to carry it with pride and purpose today and into all the tomorrows of our lives; Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen. Amen.

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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**PRELUDE -
PASTORAL GREETING**

OPENING HYMN

TLH 114

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

1. Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.
2. Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told--
Kneeling in her lowly cell--
By the angel Gabriel.
3. Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."
4. Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child

When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

5. Jesus! Only name that's given
Under all the mighty heaven
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,
Bursts his fetters and is saved.

6. Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of Me: I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within My heart."

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

A: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high:

C: And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

P: Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 6: 22-27

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23–29

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 21st verse.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Luke 2:21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON **“The Law’s Proper Relationship Galatians 3:23–29
to Us Believers”**

OFFERTORY

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 898

The Ancient Law Departs

- 1 The ancient Law departs,
And all its fears remove,
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts
A covenant of love.
- 2 The Light of Light divine,
True brightness undefiled,
He bears for us the pain of sin,
A holy, spotless child.
- 3 His infant body now
Begins the cross to feel;
Those precious drops of blood that flow
For death the victim seal.

- 4 Today the name is Thine
At which we bend the knee.
They call Thee Jesus, child divine;
Our Jesus deign to be.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son,
For Thy redeeming love,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
In glorious might above.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C 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. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 364

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding-place;
My never-failing Treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.
4. By Thee my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled.
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.
5. Jesus, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.
6. Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
7. Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

SILENT PRAYER
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE -

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter
Lector: Mark Gade
Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Good morning, and a blessed New Year as we gather to celebrate the Circumcision and Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Gospel this morning records Jesus being circumcised and named on the 8th day of His life, all in accordance with God's Law, perfectly keeping it for us who because of our sin cannot do so! This morning we turn our attention to Paul's teaching in Galatians 3 where we learn that through faith in Jesus Christ, we are free of the ceremonies, the civil ordinances, and the condemnation of

the Law of Moses. We believers in Jesus Christ do not however, set aside God's commands, but we walk in the Law of the LORD. In our Epistle today, we come to understand the differing ways the Law of God functions and how it has been removed from us believers. By Word and Sacrament, we are strengthened in our understanding of the Law's proper relationship to us believers. No better or more comforting words could ever be spoken to us as we gather and begin a New Year living in God's grace in Jesus!

Remember in Your Prayers:

The family of Mike Mullinger- who died in the Lord Thursday evening

Shiela Rice- who continues her recovery following the successful surgical removal of a brain tumor.

Kathy Geffert- who continues her physical rehabilitation at St. Anthony Care Center in Warren, MI

Jean Geffert- as she adjusts to her new surroundings at American House on Common Road in Fraser, MI.

Tom Bommarito of Alva, FL, friend of Robert Wicks, who has cancer and has developed a serious bacterial infection.

Jane Parke- who is recovering at home from a broken arm.

Beverly VandeVorde- Grandmother of Bethany, Eric and Brad VandeVorde- who was injured in a recent fall.

Melissa Pieper – who has undergone surgery.

Clifford Popp, Judy Piche- in convalescent centers.

Pastor Jim Elsner of Indiana- who is recovering from injuries sustained in a recent fall.

Ingrid Stuhldreer- who had a medical procedure this past week.

Due to production problems with our giving envelope printing company, the giving envelopes for 2023 are not available yet. While the supplier works to get our order to us, we ask that you continue giving by either 1) using your leftover 2022 envelopes; or 2) use envelopes from the pew (marking them with your assigned envelope number and designating on the envelope, "Weekly Offering").

Level I and II Confirmation Classes begin Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 5: 30 P.M.

No Sunday School and Bible Class will be held today. Classes resume January 8.

Life Quotes

"[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Altar Guild

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Beverly Zimmermann and Julie Shanley

One Week Ago Today:

Christmas Eve 5pm: 171

Communion: 110

Christmas Eve 10pm: 34

Sunday 10:45 Service: 43

Communion: 37

Stewardship Corner

The wise men brought Jesus gifts, but, before presenting their gifts, they first gave Him honor through giving of themselves. Matthew 2:10-11 says, "When they saw the star they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of

myrrh." Our gifts to God are worthless unless given in faith (Hebrews 11:6) from hearts completely devoted to Him.

Altar Flowers

The new signup sheet is now out in the lobby. If you are able, please sign up for one or both vases. The cost is \$18 for one vase, \$36 for both. You can let Shane, our office administrator, know the sentiment to be published in the Sunday bulletin, for those flowers. They can also be picked up, if you choose, after the 10:45 am service. If you have any questions, or if you have a special request (i.e. type of flower, larger bouquet) please feel free to contact Pam Zimmer, 586-578-9464. Payment should be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers".

DECEMBER 2022 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS		
<u>Envelope & Plate Receipts Only</u>		
Week #	2022	2021
1	\$ 26,391	\$ 7,571
2	4,344	6,174
3		
4		
Month-to-Date Total	\$ 30,735	\$ 13,745
Year-to-Date Total	\$ 301,338	\$ 315,742

1-1-1 Missions Update		
	MTD	YTD
	\$ 51	\$ 1,180

\$80 for 80 Years		
	MTD	YTD
	\$ 8,350	\$ 42,020