

## CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

New Year's Weekend

The Blessings of His Name

December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

### AS WE GATHER

Life has a certain rhythm. Worship has a certain rhythm to it as well. Each service begins and ends in a specific way—with the name of God. We begin worship with the name of the Trinity in the Invocation. We later end worship with the Benediction, “The LORD bless you and keep you . . .” (Numbers 6:22–27). This rhythm of worship can serve as a model for each new day. In his Small Catechism, Luther wrote, “In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’” Luther also suggests that in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the cross again as God’s name is spoken.” This New Year’s Eve and Day, what better way is there to conclude the old year and begin the new one than in the name of our Lord?

### WELCOME

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball.  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.  
We’ll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes,

**People: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”**

Pastor: We begin this new year with the name in which we were baptized.

**All: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

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### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess that in this past year, and every day, we fall short of living lives that are worthy of our Lord’s name. We are baptized into Christ, and yet we live as though we do not know Christ. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” Jesus has kept the Law perfectly for you. The one named Jesus is your Savior from sin and death. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE #367 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

**Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**People: you instructed Mary to call her Son Jesus.**

Pastor: Grant that we may call upon the name of the one whose name means “the Lord saves,” so that in Him we would have forgiveness and salvation;

**People: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **✠ WORD ✠**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Numbers 6:22–27 (The Benediction)

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. 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 turn his face toward you and give you peace.’” “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

#### **EPISTLE** Galatians 3:23–29 (Baptized into Christ)

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew of Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

(Rise)

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 2:21 (Jesus’ circumcision and naming on the eighth day)

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON HYMN #512**

#### **“At the Name of Jesus”**

Stanzas 1-4

At the name of Jesus Ev’ry knee shall bow,  
Ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.  
‘Tis the Father’s pleasure We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.



**People:** We pray that this gift of salvation might fill us with gratitude and desire to walk in your ways and obey your commandments in service to you and in love for one another.

**Pastor:** O Lord, you declare that Christ Jesus came for the people of all nations. Preserve us from all ungodly prejudice; and at the same time, preserve in us an awareness that you bless both the lowly and those in high places.

**People:** Grant that we might not resent where you have placed us nor what you have created us to be, but give us hearts that rejoice to serve others according to your will.

**Pastor:** O Lord of hosts, you declare that sinners cannot look upon your face and live because of their unrighteousness; yet for the sake of Christ, you now cause your face to shine upon us and you are gracious to us. Bless and keep us by your grace, and especially remember those in need who cry out to you for mercy including Larry, Dolores, Flora, Virginia, Marion, Matthew, Eleanor, Arlene, Mae, Carol, Jerry, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Richard, Roemelle, LuEva, Kathleen, Jean, Russ, Helen, Leonard, Linda, Gladys, Jack, Shirley and Sarah.

**People:** According to your will and wisdom, lift up your countenance upon them and give them healing and peace.

**Pastor:** Heavenly Father, you have clothed us with Christ in Holy Baptism, and now you give us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People:** Grant to all who receive your Holy Supper this day to have humble hearts that acknowledge their sin and rejoice in Your undeserved grace.

**Pastor:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You sent your Son into the world humbly die for our salvation; now He sits enthroned in heaven crowned with glory and honor. Receive our thanks for all who have gone before us, who bore your name in this world and now dwell in paradise. Bless us all in the New Year, preserve us in your name and faith, and one day take us into glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

(sung to tune "From Heaven Above" )

Lord Jesus Christ, you came to earth To be our Savior by your birth.

O very Lamb of God, we pray, have mercy, peace on us today.

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(Be seated)

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### HYMN

**"Jesus, Name Above All Names"**

AGPS #145

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd, vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,  
the way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

### HYMN #524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

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

Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

### **HYMN #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"**

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have graciously brought us to the beginning of a new year. Although we may not know what this new year brings, make us confident that you are with us in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**People: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**People: So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."**

**All: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing – You are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, Saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Preacher

5:00 Liturgist

8:00 & 10:30 Liturgist

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