

**New Years Day**  
*Circumcision and Name of Jesus*  
**January 1, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois**  
*Service of Prayer and Preaching*

**Ringling of the Bell/Welcome**

**HYMN 896 NOW GREET THE SWIFTLY CHANGING YEAR**

*(Stand)*

**OPENING VERSICLES**

LSB 260

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** Teach me Your paths.

**P** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** Your Word is truth.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*(Sit)*

**READING**

Numbers 6:22–27

**P** A reading from Numbers, the sixth chapter.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING *(Read by all)*

Psalms 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## READING

Galatians 3:23–29

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 512 AT THE NAME OF JESUS

sts. 1–3

## READING

Luke 2:21

<sup>21</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORY

LSB 263

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

*(Stand)*

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

**C** You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

*(Sit)*

## HYMN 898 THE ANCIENT LAW DEPARTS

## SERMON “At the Name of Jesus”

## OFFERING

*(Stand)*

## PRAYER

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L**P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**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.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## MORNING PRAYER

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 267

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

LSB 267

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## **HYMN 359 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING**

*Dismissal*

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