

**And when eight days
were accomplished for the
circumcising of the child,
his name was called
JESUS...**

—Luke 2:21

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, PULASKI, WI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

CIRCUMCISION AND NAMING OF JESUS

AS WE GATHER: Though this day has more secular overtones than Christian ones, it is an appointed day on our liturgical calendar. This day, on the octave of Christmas, we recall an important event in the life of our Lord, when in accord with the Levitical law, He was circumcised & given the name Jesus. Luther preached on this feast, & Bach wrote several cantatas for it. According to Paul, in Christ we were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands. Because we are in Christ, His fulfillment of that law covers all of us. And in Christ, the name of Jesus covers us as well—the name of Him who saves His people even at the cost of His own blood.



OPENING HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Public domain LSB 366



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gra-cious king.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-ern still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE

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L 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.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 8 (antiphon: v.9)

L O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

C You have set Your glory above the heavens.

L Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes,

C to still the enemy and the avenger.

L When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

L what is man that You are mindful of him,

C and the son of man that You care for him?

L Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C and crowned him with glory and honor.

L You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;

C You have put all things under his feet,

L all sheep and oxen,

C and also the beasts of the field,

L the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

L O LORD, our Lord,

C how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

GLORIA PATRI

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray...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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 6:22–27

(God gives His blessing and benediction to His people.)

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(The Law was our guardian until Christ came.)

Galatians 3:23–29

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus is circumcised and given His name.)

St. Luke 2:21

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹And 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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



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 \uparrow everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
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 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: . . . *Lord, in Your mercy,*

Reply with: . . . **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- A** 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.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

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- L** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
L Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen. Amen. Amen.





1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky _____ looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Soli Deo Gloria



²¹ ...HIS NAME WAS CALLED

JESUS.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...

Those in need of our prayers: Barb Dyer, Becky Haltaufderheid, Barb Harr, Doug Kohlmeyer, Richard Lanke, Rev. Paul Pett, David Schmidt, Jean VandenLangenberg and Bev Wagner

Our Shut-Ins: Bill & Willie Burmeister, Juliana Gerrits, Faye Hintz, Ray & Melba Stampfl, Cheryl Szccepanski, and Becky Ullmer

Special Prayers Request: We pray for peace for our nation & those effected by natural disasters, and for our world for a cure for COVID-19.

Our Military: We pray for **Jaidon Novinska** (Army), **Zach Marohnic** (Marine Reserves) and for the men & women who serve our country and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. May God's peace & protection be with them.

THOSE CELEBRATING...

Birthdays: **Jan 1:** Toby Tilleman **Jan 2:** Zoey Lindroth, Karen Skalitzky **Jan 3:** Hertha Olson **Jan 4:** Gerry Bonnin, Addison Breitenfeldt **Jan 6:** Jodi Lindroth **Jan 7:** Barb Dyer **Jan 8:** Tracey Juedes **Jan 9:** Stella Bierhals



Anniversaries: **Jan 3:** Paul & Kristin Hilbert

Bulletins Sponsored By:

Hertha Olson in celebration of her 98th Birthday. We wish her another year of health and happiness. God's Blessings!



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HAPPINESS IS



...hot soup
on a cold day.

Help us do our part to **TACKLE
HUNGER** in our community.

Let's see how many cans of soup
we can collect by Sunday,
February 7th for our own

“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY.

Our goal is to collect 300 cans of soup
to donate to the Pulaski
Food Pantry. Please help make this
possible by sharing God's love with
those in need so they can enjoy
some warm soup on a cold day.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



PASTOR YAW WILL BE OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Yaw will be out of office until January 4th to spend some well-deserved time with his family. Pastor can still be reached by email if necessary. In the event of an emergency, please contact Deacon Jeff Johnson or an elder.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED

The 2021 Church Envelopes have arrived and are ready for pickup. Please find yours on the table by the office. Please **START USING THE NEW ENVELOPES IN JANUARY.** For those of you who do online giving, you will find a note in your mailbox with your assigned number. If you have any questions, please contact the church office @ 822-3511.



BULLETIN & FLOWER SPONSORS

The 2021 sign-up sheets are up and there are plenty of spots available to sponsor either the Weekly Bulletins or the Altar Flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or a special event. To sign up, place your name on the sheet outside the church office.

A Big Thank You!!

The staff at St. John Lutheran Church would like to say thank you to everyone who brought cards, gifts and treats to help make our Christmas a little bit brighter.

We truly appreciate our amazing church family and wish each of you a Blessed New Year!

Steve Anderson

Deacon Jeff Johnson

Kaleb Kohlmeyer

David Schmidt

Laurie Wood

Pastor Larry Yaw



Don't forget to take your poinsettia after the service if you donated one. Otherwise, they will be donated or disposed of on Mon, Jan. 4th. Thanks!