

## Circumcision and Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Service Book, Holy Communion, Setting 2



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Prayer before worship:

*Blessed Lord, whose humble birth in Bethlehem we still celebrate, let your light and grace fill our hearts and minds in this time of worship. Guide and direct us in this New Year that our lives may be a living witness to your grace and mercy. Amen.*

**Prelude** Fanfare and Proclamation "For A New Year!" (Phil Lehenbaur)

### Welcome

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#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to be born for you and 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.

**C** Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" (LSB 374)

**Greeting**

**P** Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **And also with you.**

**Opening Dialogue**

**L** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**G** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**L** For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

**G** **And his Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**L** O, sing to the Lord a new song;

**G** **For he has done marvelous things.**

**L** The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**G** **We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

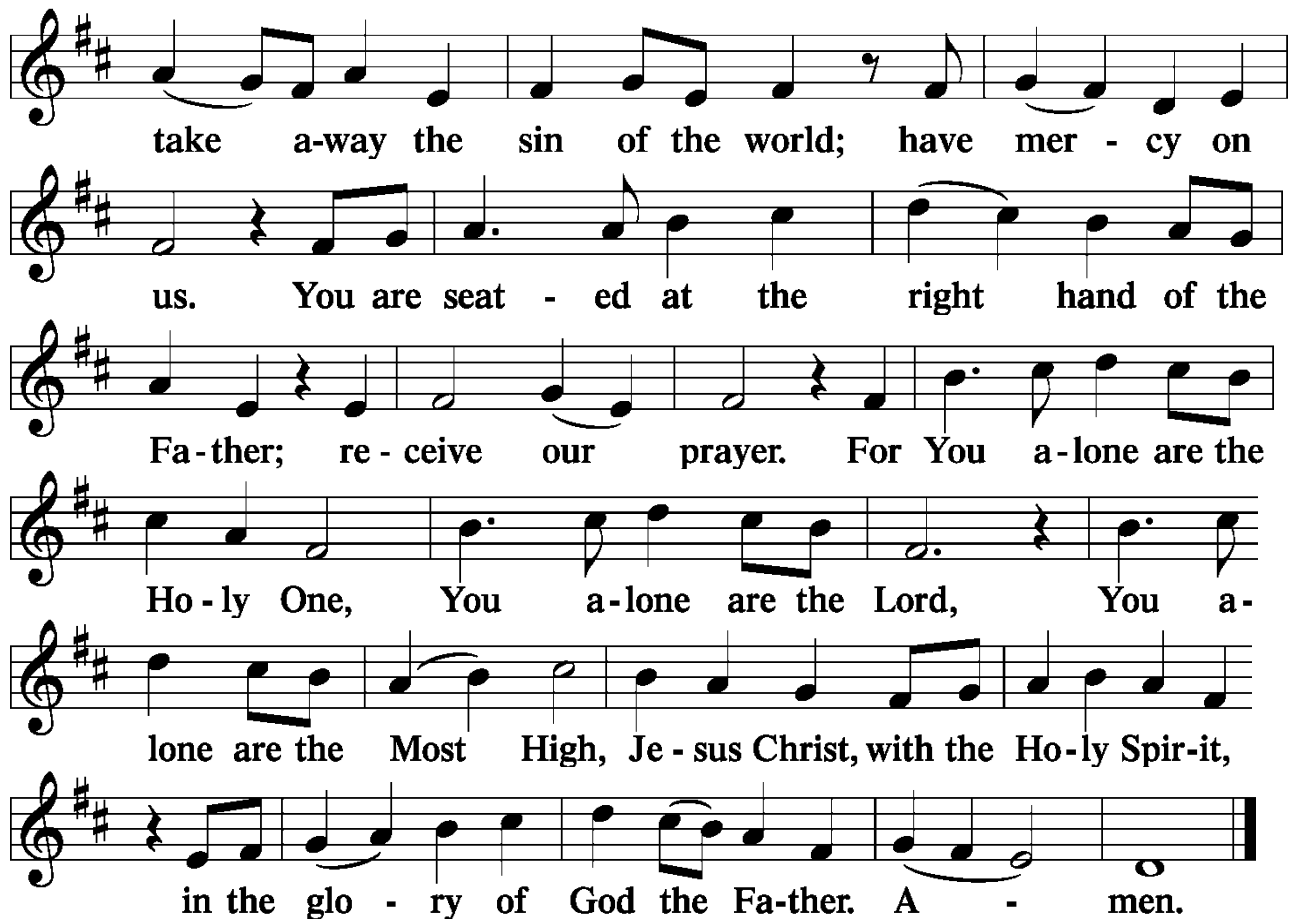
**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**G** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray:

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, to be named Jesus, making Him 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.

### Children's Message

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

<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."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody *(spoken responsively)*

Psalm 8

**L** O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C** **Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

**L** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**C** **what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**

**L** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**C** **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,**

**L** all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

**C** **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

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

## Epistle

Galatians 3:23-29

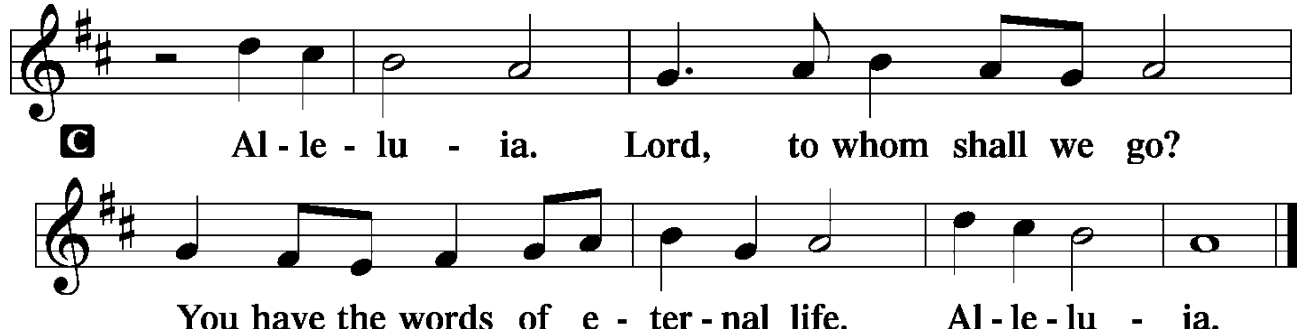
<sup>[23]</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>[24]</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>[25]</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer 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 no

male and 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

St. Luke 2:21

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



**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<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 Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Sermon

"The Sign of the Covenant"

### Hymn of the Day

"The Ancient Law Departs" (LSB 898)

### Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under**

**Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the church, the earth, and all those in need, in the Name of the One who is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the Christmas season each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond by saying "**Hear our prayer.**"*

*The prayers end with the words:*

**P** O God, who shines light into darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' Name.

**C Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit*

*in the bond of peace*

*(Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### **Dedication of *Lutheran Service Book* Hymnals**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**L** Let us pray:

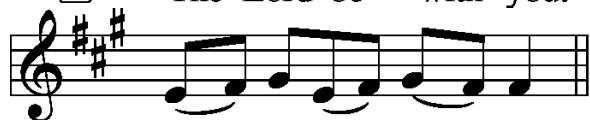
Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



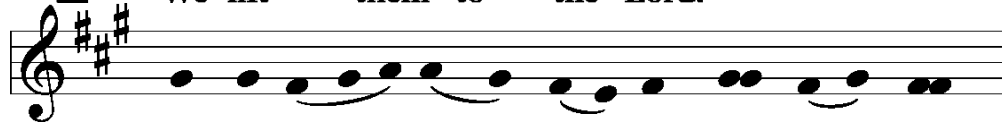
**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Preface for Christmas**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

## Music at the Distribution

Choral Anthem

"A New Year Carol" (Benjamin Britten)

*Here we bring new water from the well so clear  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year*

*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

*Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.*

*Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.*

"What Child Is This"

(LSB 370)

## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-  
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**L** Let us pray:

Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” (LSB 900)

## **Postlude**

“Ring Out, Wild Bells” (Mike Carson)

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