

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAMING OF JESUS

January 1, 2023



TODAY IS THE EIGHTH DAY SINCE CHRISTMAS On this day, the baby boy born to the virgin Mary officially receives His name. Not a name of the parents' own choosing, but the name given to Mary and Joseph through the angelic messenger Gabriel. It was a name appropriate to the task the child had already begun to complete: Jesus. The name Jesus, Joshua in the Old Testament, means "The Lord saves." Jesus' work of salvation had already begun, for even now the eternal Son of God had taken His place as the one ***"born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."*** (Galatians 4:4-5)

Part of the Law of God was fulfilled on this day as Jesus was circumcised and received the sign of God's old covenant with Abraham and his descendants. Of course, these first few drops of His blood only foreshadow the bloody, sacrificial death that would be His some 30 years later.

The Apostle Paul reminds you today, both male and female, that you, too, have been circumcised. He writes, ***"In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men, but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead."*** (Colossians 2:11-12) Paul makes it clear, your circumcision took place in the water of Holy Baptism and it was done by God!

Like Jesus on the day of His circumcision, you, too, received a name on the day of your circumcision. That name is *Christian* and it means "one who is in Christ." The honor and work of Him who bore the name of Christ has bestowed this honor and work upon you when you were baptized "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

The Epistle of today describes one of the blessings you have received through this baptism, ***"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 offspring, heirs according to promise."*** (Galatians 3:27-29) Jesus lives up to His name – "The Lord saves."

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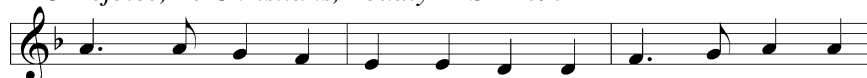
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I. THE PREPARATION

Invocation

“O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly” LSB #897



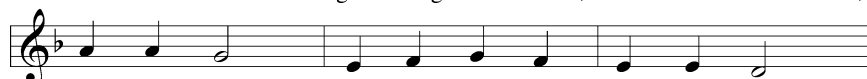
1 O re - joice, ye Chris - tians, loud - ly, For our joy has
2 See, my soul, thy Sav - ior choos - es Weak - ness here and
3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee right - ly? I ac - knowl - edge
4 Je - sus, guard and guide Thy mem - bers, Fill them with Thy



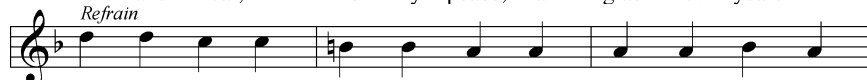
now be - gun; Won - drous things our God has done.
pov - er - ty; In such love He comes to thee.
that by Thee I am saved e - ter - nal - ly.
bound - less grace, Hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.



Tell a - broad His good - ness proud - ly, Who our race has
Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es; All He suf - fers
Let me not for - get it light - ly, But to Thee at
Fan to flame faith's glow - ing em - bers; Grant all Chris - tians,



hon - ored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us.
for thy good To re - deem thee by His blood.
all times cleave And my heart true peace re - ceive.
far and near, Ho - ly peace, a glad new year!



Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness, Christ has done a -



way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,



For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!

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Stand

Invocation

P/V: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C: **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

P/V: 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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P/V: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

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

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

P/V: 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**

P/V: 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 be 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.**

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

II. SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit



Cantor: May all who seek You rejoice and be | glad in You;*
may those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great | is the Lord!”

C: **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 writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do Your will, | O my God;*
Your law is with- | in my heart.”

Cantor: May all who seek You rejoice and be | glad in You;*
may those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great | is the Lord!”

(Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16)

Gloria Patri

G 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

Mark 10:47

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

The 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 A - men.

Be seated

The Old Testament

Numbers 6:22-27

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

"A Great and Mighty Wonder" LSB #383

1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,

The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be

glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

The Epistle
Galatians 3:23-29

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

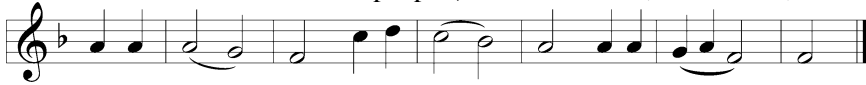
Stand

The Alleluia/Verse



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

She will bear a son, and you shall call His name | Jesus,* f
or He will save His people | from their sins. (*Matthew 1:21*)

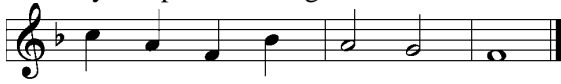


☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds 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 in 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

The Hymn of The Day
"The Ancient Law Departs" LSB# 898



1 The an - cient Law de - parts, And all its fears re - move,
2 The Light of Light di - vine, True bright - ness un - de - filed,
3 His in - fant bod - y now Be - gins the cross to feel;
4 To - day the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, For Thy re - deem - ing love,



For Je - sus makes with faith - ful hearts A cov - e - nant of love.
He bears for us the pain of sin, A ho - ly, spot-less child.
Those pre - cious drops of blood that flow For death the vic - tim seal.
They call Thee Je - sus, child di - vine; Our Je - sus deign to be.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one In glo - rious might a - bove.

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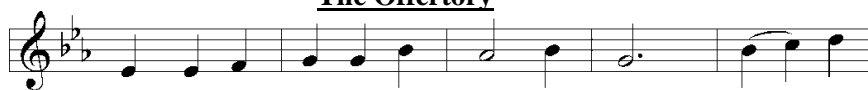
The Sermon

Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory

Stand

The Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The Prayers

Various Petitions are prayed. Each petition will conclude with the response:

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

The Congregation, gathered for worship in person, will now be receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. This most significant portion of the Divine Service, when our Lord Jesus Christ draws near to His people with His flesh and blood, will not be streamed. Members desiring to receive the Sacrament who are unable to be present in the Church will be visited by one of our pastors to bring them the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Those who have joined us online for the Service of the Word are now encouraged to pray the Lord's prayer.

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.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Please call Pastor Knox (319/231-9761) if you would like to receive a Pastoral visit.

✕ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✕

Sun. 1/01	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer
	10:30 am.	Bible Class (No Sunday School)
Wed. 1/04	10:00 a.m.	Our Redeemer Book Club
	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	5:25 p.m.	Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Thur. 1/05	4:00 p.m.	Midweek Youth Catechesis
Fri. 1/06	6:30 p.m.	Epiphany Divine Service
Sat. 1/07	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class at Peace
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service at Peace
Sun. 1/8	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service at Our Redeemer (Installation of Officers)
	10:30 am.	Sunday School and Bible Class

Sunday, December 25, 2022
Attendance: 78 Communion: 65

Readings and Hymns for January 6, 2023 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

The Readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Ephesians 3:1–12; Matthew 2:1-12

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES Please pick up your envelopes for 2023. They are on a table in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please see Rod Lair.

THE UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY is available in the Narthex after the Service this morning. We have done our best to make it accurate. If you see a correction which needs to be made, please alert Tammy Knox.

THE EPIPHANY EDITION OF THE REPORTER is available in the Narthex and Parish Hall following the Service this morning.

THE JAN.-MARCH POTALS OF PRAYER AND THE DECEMBER LUTHERAN WITNESS are available in the Narthex and the Parish Hall.



EPIPHANY SERVICE – FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 Our Redeemer and Peace will observe the Festival of The Epiphany of Our Lord on Friday, January 6 with the Divine Service at 6:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer. On this day the Church marks the beginning of the Epiphany Season and recalls the visit of the Magi who worship the King of the Jews.

2023 OFFICERS At the November Voters' Meeting the following were elected to serve as Officers during 2023. The installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, January 8th.

Secretary: Gerry Peterson Treasurer: Tim Koch
Education: Ryan Thornton Youth: Anna Staudinger
Communication and Outreach: Jim Niebergall
Elders: Tom Strub and Stephen Hoffman
Trustees: Blake Wayson and Kelly Barber
Endowment Committee: Dave Kmoch

They join the following whose terms of office continue in 2023:

President: Roger Mishler Vice-President: Doug Nefzger
Stewardship: Rod Lair Christian Care: Char Strub
Financial Secretary: Stephen Hoffman
Elders: Alan Czarnetzki, Matt Kenitzer, Rod Lair, Ryan Thornton
Trustees: Dusty Greiman, Chris Fink, Dean Fink, Brad Bovy
Endowment Committee: Martha Garms, Kathy Niebergall