

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

**New Year's Day**  
**January 1, 2024**

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***"The Name of Jesus"***

On the eighth day after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had Him circumcised according to the law of God which He had revealed to His ancient people through Moses. At this time they formally gave Him the name Jesus. This means, "God saves." This is the name God had revealed by angels to Mary and Joseph to show the reason for this holy Child's life on the earth.

THE PRELUDE: "Potsdam"

*setting by Mark Sedio*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL call us to reverent worship.

OPENING HYMN: 898 "The Ancient Law Departs"

- 1 The ancient Law departs, And all its fears remove,  
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts A covenant of love.**
- 2 The Light of Light divine, True brightness undefiled,  
He bears for us the pain of sin, A holy, spotless child.**
- 3 His infant body now Begins the cross to feel;  
Those precious drops of blood that flow For death the victim seal.**
- 4 Today the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.  
They call Thee Jesus, child divine; Our Jesus deign to be.**

*(please stand for the last stanza if you are able)*

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one In glorious might above. A-men.**

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**The Order of Matins, page 219** *(we sing the responses)*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**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.  
**Praise to You, O Christ, Al-le-lu-ia.**

## Psalmody

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

## Venite

**C O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise unto Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

## Antiphon (Common)

L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C O come, let us worship Him.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 8 (*spoken*)

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**C: You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

P: From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise

**C: because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

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

P: what is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: the son of man that You care for him?**

P: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

**C: and crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: You made him ruler over the work of Your hands; You put everything under his feet;

**C: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the fields,**

P: the birds of the air and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas,

**C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

**ALL: 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.**

*(please be seated)*

**OFFICE HYMN: 900 “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”**

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,  
Unto which must ev’ry knee Bow in deep humility.**
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.**
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth  
For the promise that it gave, “Jesus shall His people save.”**
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child  
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.**
- 5 Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n Under all the mighty heav’n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.**
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.** Public domain

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 6:22-27**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 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. “So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:15-21** *(please stand if you are able)*

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 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: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMON RESPONSORY:** page 221 *(sung)*

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.**

*(please be seated)*

**SERMON:** "The Blood of Jesus Cleanses Us" 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

**OFFERTORY:** Solo: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Je-sus, name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, glo-ri-ous Lord,  
Em-man-u-el, God is with us, bless-ed Re-deem-er, liv-ing Word.**

**Je-sus, lov-ing shep-herd, vine of the branch-es, Son of God,  
Prince of Peace, Won-der-ful coun-selor, Lord of the u-ni-verse,  
Light of the world.**

**Je-sus, Way of sal-va-tion, King of kings, Lord of lords,  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Might-y Cre-a-tor, My Sav-ior and friend**

*(please stand if you are able)* **TE DEUM LAUDAMUS:** pages 223-225

**C We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

**All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.**

**To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.**

**To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.**

**The glorious company of the apostles praise You.**

**The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.**

**The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.**

**The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only  
Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;**

**You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,**

**You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.**

**When You had overcome the sharpness of death,**

**You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.**

**We believe that You will come to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship Your name forever and ever.  
Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

THE KYRIE AND LORD'S PRAYER: page 227

**C** (*sung*) **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**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.**

**Collects**

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer. **C** (*sung*) **And let my cry come to You.**

Let us pray: O Lord God, You have guided us through this past year by Your grace. Your mercies were new to us every day. You have strengthened us in faith through Your Word and Sacraments. As we begin a new year of life in Your name, we ask for Your continued blessings upon us and all we do. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable us to use our lives as a witness for Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day and new year. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction:** (*sung*)

P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 524 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

- 1 **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.**
- 2 **It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart’s unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.**
- 3 **Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**
- 4 **O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**
- 5 **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.**
- 6 **Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev’ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!**

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THE POSTLUDE: “St. Peter” *setting by Paul Bouman*

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*Serving Us in Worship Today*

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald Acolyte: Payton Liefer

**WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS NEW YEAR UNDER GOD’S BLESSINGS!**

*Pastor Mark and Cindy Nebel and their family*

*Pastor Brian and Heather Nowak and their family*

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2024 are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find your box of envelopes please call the church office.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for the first quarter of 2024 are available in the entryway.

DAY SCHOOL resumes for the third quarter on Thursday, January 4, at 8:05 a.m.

OUR MONTHLY afternoon Holy Communion service will be Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m.

MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST is Saturday, January 6, at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Book of Proverbs.