



New Year's Day Service

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January 1, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

"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.

PRELUDE: "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" *arranged by Kermit Moldenhauer*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

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.*

(please stand, if you are able)

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: 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept 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!

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:

Galatians 3: 23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 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.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: *(please stand if you are able)*

Luke 2: 21

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: "Marked with His Name" Luke 2: 21

OFFERTORY: "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

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

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 & 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:

L: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: (sung) And let my cry come to You.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

THE BENEDICAMUS & 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: 898 “The Ancient Law Departs” *(please stand if you are able)*



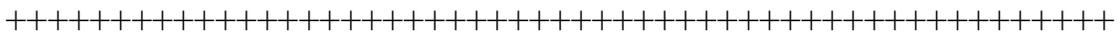
1 The an - cient Law de - parts, And all its fears re - move,
2 The Light of Light di - vine, True bright - ness un - de - filed,
3 His in - fant bod - y now Be - gins the cross to feel;
4 To - day the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, For Thy re - deem - ing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

POSTLUDE: “C Major”

by Georg Friedrich Handel



Serving Us in Worship This Morning

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Art Eichhorn

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Acolytes: Austin Stellhorn

Greeters: Clyde & Kathy Rowold

WELCOME TO St. John's Lutheran Church!

We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's Lutheran is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you do not have a Lutheran background, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. During the offering, please sign the black friendship register at the end of the pew. We ask our guests to please fill out the red side of the card marked "Guests" in the attendance book and give it to an usher. We invite you to worship with us again very soon.

SCHOOL RESUMES:

Our school resumes for the third quarter on Tuesday, January 7th, at 8:05 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Luke 2:21 – “**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.**” So how was your 2024? What are you looking forward to (with either joy or dread) in 2025? No matter our joys or our sorrows, this is certain: last year and next year belong to Jesus. And His very name is a comfort to us, for He is called Jesus because He will save His people from their sins, as the angel said. As you begin a new year, rest in that knowledge.

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

from Pastor Brian, Heather and the Nowak family,
from Pastor Mark Winkelmann & family,
and Pastor Art Eichhorn & family



HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

As the Old Year Ends...

***We Thank God for
His Goodness in the Past.***

AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS...

**We Ask God to
Bless Us in the Future.**

*Our Lord Has and Will
Continue to Bless Us
Through His Son,
Our Savior Jesus Christ.*