

Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374

INVOCATION

Galatians 3:27

P: The apostle Paul writes,

C: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

P: We begin this new year with the name in which we were baptized.

C: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 8:9

P: O Lord, our Lord,

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: We confess that in this past year, and every day, we fall short of living lives that are worthy of our Lord's name. We are baptized into Christ, and yet we live as though we do not know Christ. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: "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."

Jesus has kept the Law perfectly for you. The one named Jesus is your Savior from sin and death. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son 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.

INTROIT

Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: Psalm 40:16

P: 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.

P: Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

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.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB 803

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

C: You instructed Mary to call her Son Jesus.

P: Grant that we may call upon the name of the one whose name means “the Lord saves,” so that in Him we would have forgiveness and salvation;

C: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 6:22–27

²² The 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, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23–29

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

VERSE

Matthew 1:21

P: Alleluia.

C: She will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love" *LSB 900*

SERMON

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: We begin the New Year in prayer to our God with words of Psalm 8.

**C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

*P: O Lord, our Lord, we cry out to You in the new year and confess
You as the only one true God, the maker of the heavens and the
earth. Your majesty is revealed on earth and in the heavens.*

**C: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established
strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the
avenger.**

*P: O Lord, our Lord, You demonstrated Your splendor in the
incarnation of Your Son. Through this Holy Child's life, death, and
resurrection, You reconciled humankind to Yourself.*

**C: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the
moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man
that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for
him?**

*P: O Lord, our Lord, Your creation is truly awe-inspiring. Yet, each one
of us is important to You. You have made us each unique and love
us with an everlasting love.*

**C: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him
dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things
under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the
field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever
passes along the paths of the seas.**

*P: O Lord, our Lord, You have called us to rule over Your creation.
Help us to see ourselves as Your humble and responsible servants in
our role as rulers over creation.*

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

*P: Thank You, Lord, our ruler, for Your great blessings. You have
gathered us, Your Church, to praise Your name throughout the world.
Work through us to proclaim Your majestic name in all the earth.*

(Additional prayers may be offered.)

P: O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy,

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the name of Your Son, Jesus, describes not only who He is, but also what He does. Through this Savior and His body and blood given to us here, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “A Great and Mighty Wonder” LSB 383

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have graciously brought us to the beginning of a new year. Although we may not know what this new year brings, make us confident that You are with us in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

C: “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

P: 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.

C: So shall they put My name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.” Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” LSB 358 vs. 1,8,13,15

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THIS WEEK— (January 1st—8th 2017)

Sunday: New Year’s Day/Worship/HC, 9:00am

Tuesday: No January Ladies Guild Meeting

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class (2nd year), 5:00pm; Confirmation Class (1st year), 6:00pm; CLAY Meeting, 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC/Install Board and Council, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 12/25/16)

General Fund: \$4807.98; Building Fund: \$1620.00; Seasonal: \$3546.00; Blessings: \$30.11; Memorial: \$10120.00; Genesis: \$20.00
Total Attendance: 298
(Midweek: 68; Christmas Eve: 128; Christmas Day: 102)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

THANK YOU for all the cards, gifts, prayers, and words of encouragement during this Holiday Season. – Pastor Wetmore and Family

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Thank you also for the cards, gifts, prayers and kindness received as we serve our Savior in your midst! – Pastor Rick and Karen

“PAILS FOR HAITI” Orphan Grain Train volunteers at St. James Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI are excited to announce a special project to help the people of Haiti recover after Hurricane Matthew. “Pails for Haiti” will kick off on January 1, 2017 and run for 30 days. The pails are used by the Haitian people to bring clean drinking water from the mountain area into the villages. Clean drinking water is crucial for Haiti with the spread of cholera.

St. James Lutheran members will be collecting new or slightly used five (5) gallon pails to be shipped to the people of Haiti. The pails can be purchased at all the major big box stores (Home Depot, Lowes, Fleet Farm, Menards, etc.) Their goal is to collect 5,000 pails so please consider a multiple purchase for your donation.

Pails can be dropped off at St. James Lutheran , 324 S. Andrews St., Shawano, WI 54166 between 9AM-3PM, Monday through Friday. Please direct any questions regarding this project to Jim or Judy Oberstein, OGT Coordinators at 715-201-0283.

WISCONSIN VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL donation

envelopes: The preaddressed donation envelopes are located on the right end of the mailbox wall, the mail slot between Sunday school and the extra monthly calendars. Just pick an envelope, put your check in, and mail it out.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick up on the large table near the mailboxes.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will resume on January 4, 2017.

TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ... Happy New Year and May God bless all of you in 2017.

HUMAN CARE FOR JANUARY will go to Hope Life Center.

The following items are needed for the moms-to-be: Body Wash (full size), Shampoo/Conditioner (full size), Lotion (full size). Thank you for donating.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“We are weary and overwhelmed by a multitude of life issues. Sometimes we are prideful after doubting God’s Word and trusting something else. As the culture decays and evil abounds, we may believe that God asks the impossible of us ... In the face of evil, let it be said of us: Look! They remember ‘The Lord, who is great and awesome,’ and they ‘fight for [their] brothers ... sons ... daughters ... wives, and ... homes’ (Nehemiah 4:14).”
— *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)