



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

January 1, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Divine Service Setting One with Holy Communion

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

Life has a certain rhythm. Worship has a certain rhythm to it as well. Each service begins and ends in a specific way—with the name of God. We begin worship with the name of the Trinity in the Invocation. We later end worship with the Benediction, “The LORD bless you and keep you . . .” (Numbers 6:22–27). This rhythm of worship can serve as a model for each new day. In his Small Catechism, Luther wrote, “In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’” Luther also suggests that in the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the cross again as God’s name is spoken.” This New Year’s Day, what better way is there to conclude the old year and begin the new one than in the name of our Lord?

† Prayer Before Worship †

Heavenly Father, You instructed Mary to call her Son Jesus. 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; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude **Partita on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”** James Woodman

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Confession and Absolution

I

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.**

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 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.**

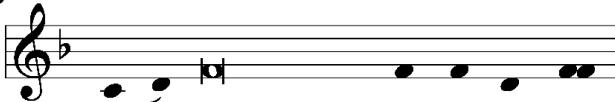
P: Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: **I desire to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."**

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.**

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

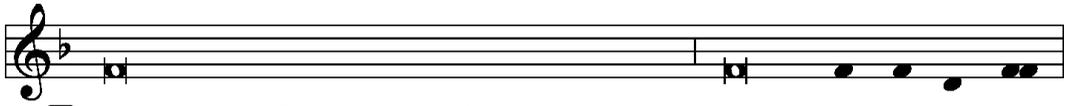
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



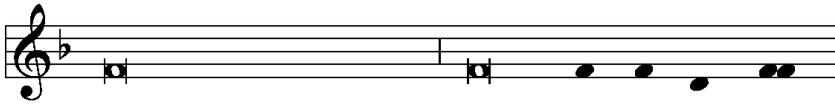
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



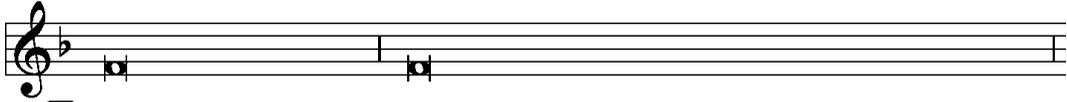
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



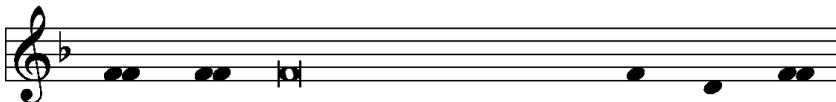
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

Hymn of Praise - This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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.**

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

(The Benediction)

²²The 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,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Hebrews 8:10; 10:17*

All: This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.

(Baptized into Christ)

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

(Please Stand)

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, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

(Jesus' circumcision and naming on the eighth day)

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹And 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.

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.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

Sermon "Did You Get Any Clothes for Christmas?"

(Please Stand)

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

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Offering

Offertory Anthem "The Little Drummer Boy"

Harry Simione

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own," v. 1

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

† Service of the Sacrament †

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.

Proper Preface

P: ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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

C: Amen.

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.

Words of our Lord

Peace of the Lord

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



C A - men.

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.

(Be Seated)

- Distribution Hymns:** #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”
 #524 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”
 #527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek 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 Prayer

A: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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 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.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude “Chantons je vous prie”

Jean-François Dandrieu

Thank you to Pastor Tom Clocker for conducting our worship today.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Don & Clare Adamick.

The Christmas Day Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Jim & Fran Johnson in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

The poinsettias may be picked up at any time.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistants: Dave Lundmark, Bruce Sawicki

Altar Guild for January: Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Renee Henderson, Sarah Strahm

Lock-ups for January: Bob Hoisington, Don Adamick, John Williams

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

The Sermons are available through the YouTube link at the church's web site. If you miss a Sunday, want to hear the sermon again, or want someone else to hear it, just go to www.stjohnsws.com and click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.

Crisis Control Item for January: Toilet tissue

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
*Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.*

This schedule will resume on January 8

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship
Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship