

Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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Pre-service music

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Hymn of Invocation - From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358 vv. 1,2,3,14,15

- 1 "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:
- 2 "To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
- 3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
- 14 My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:
- 15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9

¹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

you have established strength because | of your foes,*

to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*
the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,
⁴what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,*
and the son of man that you | care for him?
⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
⁶You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet,
⁷all sheep and | oxen,*
and also the beasts | of the field,
⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,*
whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.
⁹O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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 mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22–27

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.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 3:23–29

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

- C** Alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
C Glory 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.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day - Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

LSB 900

- 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.

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Sermon Rev. Rich Balvanz

Sermon Prayer:

Heavenly Father, in your great love you have chosen your children for eternal life. We praise you for bringing forgiveness and peace to us through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus and giving us the blessing of your name in Holy Baptism. In his name we pray. Amen.

Blessed with His Name

“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.” (Numbers 6:22-27)

God gives His name to His children.

Children of Israel were identified with God’s name by **circumcision**.

The law revealed mankind’s **sinfulness** and **broken relationship** with God.

Therefore, we are undeserving of God’s **blessings**.

Jesus’ **sinlessness** made him a suitable sacrifice for our sins.

The name Jesus means, the Lord saves!

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus **forgives** sins and **restores** our relationship with the Father.

Through faith in Jesus, we have become children with whom God is **pleased**.

God smiles on his children and blesses us.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, **peace** among those with whom he is **pleased**.” Luke 2:14

God has established **peace** with those who bear his name, and those who bear his name also have **peace** with one another.

God is smiling at you with his grace and mercy today!

C 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

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Grant us a steadfast faith, that we would not forget Your benefits or lose sight of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, You established governments and leaders to serve Your people in Your name. Grant to our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, grant your favor to this congregation. Stir the hearts of our members to serve you joyfully in all things and in all ways. Through your Word and Spirit ignite zeal in our hearts to share the good news of salvation in our community. And strengthen the bond of peace among us, so each person may share in the fellowship of faith at King of Kings. Give us willing and grateful hearts to do your will. And in your due time, O Lord, bring us a wise and faithful shepherd to guide us to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, bless and keep us by Your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to You [*especially* Members: Sandra Butz, Sheryl Sandersfeld, Cherie Buelow, Diane Muench, Lois Muench, Marv Frerking, Richard Nelson, John Owen, Jerry Green, Jo Schumacher, Jerry Cline, Lydia Parry; Family & Friends: Amy Stuenkel, John Leonard, Richard Goshon, Julie Gentry, Jan Horne, Jen Zebuhr, Jack (Grandson of Bob & Pat Harris)]. According to Your will and wisdom, lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous Lord, you grant each of us days and years to enjoy your blessings. We celebrate today with those observing birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week. [*including Lisa Loesch 01/01, Bennet Luth 01/02, Juliet Wadsley 01/104, Paul Buchanan 01/06, Claire Nuehring 01/07, Tony Yelden 01/07, and August and Deb Stephenson 01/01.*]

Merciful God, You invite Your children to the table of Your Son. Strengthen us by this blessed communion, that we would love You above all and love one another in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- 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.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Distribution Hymn - A Great and Mighty Wonder

LSB 383

1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:

The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure! Refrain

ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"

2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain

3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain

4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain

5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain

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Distribution Hymn - God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

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 in 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.

Prayer for the New Year

P It is because of your mercy alone, O Lord, that we are saved from the
consequences of our sin, but your compassion never fails. It is new every
morning. Abide with us throughout the coming year. Be our guide in all
things, our strength in weakness, our ever-ready help in all troubles.
Forgive us all our sins. Look down from heaven, and in grace behold and
visit your holy Church, which you have chosen for your own. Preserve for
us your saving Word and Sacraments, that your vine may send out its
branches throughout the earth. Look graciously upon our nation and all
the nations of the world and bless them with peace. Grant to all that are in
authority wisdom and courage to rule in such a way that we may lead a

quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty. To you almighty Creator and gracious God, we commit our nation, our congregation, our families and loved ones and ourselves. Abide with us. With your grace and mercy preserve us whole – soul and body – blameless to the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- 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** **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Closing Announcements

Resumption of Wednesday evening activities January 4

Interested in Membership at King of Kings?

A new Foundations of Faith class begins Sunday, January 15th. Pastor Balvanz will lead us through a study of how one becomes and remains Christian. The study consists of four 90-minute sessions on consecutive Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the King of Kings conference room. We emphasize open and free-flowing discussion. Everyone desiring membership at King of Kings is requested to attend these sessions, including those entering through transfer from another LCMS congregation. Please contact the church office to indicate your attendance plans. Email office@kingofkingscr.org or call 319-393-2438.

Annual Voter's Assembly

We have once again reached the very important time of the year when we conduct our Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly. This meeting plays a critical role in the setting of the annual budget, elections for open Governing Board positions, as well as the establishment of congregational Visions and Goals for 2023. The leadership of the congregation truly values the input of all of our members, and would encourage everyone to attend. This year's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. No meal will be provided. Childcare will be available.