

WELCOME

CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

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AS WE GATHER

A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law—and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

**1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**2 Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**4 Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us
strong.**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Galatians 3:24–26; 4:4–5*

Pastor: Christ, our Savior is born!

People: O come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His
Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as sons.

People: O come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: 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.

People: O come, let us adore Him!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 6:22–27* (*The Aaronic blessing*)

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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 3:23–29* (*The Law and the promise*)

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 no male and 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(*LSB p. 205*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:21 (Jesus is circumcised and named.)*

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

People: **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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Break Forth, O Beauteous
Heavenly Light” *LSB 378*

**1. Break forth, O beauteous heav’nly light,
And usher in the morning.
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,
The day of grace is dawning.
This Child, though weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be,
The pow’r of Satan breaking,
Our peace with God now making.**

**2. O dearest Child, Whom I adore,
Whose grace surpasses measure,
My Brother, whom I cherish more
Than earth with all its treasure:
Haste from Thy manger to depart,
O come and dwell within my heart;
With joy will I receive Thee,
A cradle there will give Thee.**

**3. All blessing, thanks, and praise to Thee,
Lord Jesus Christ, be given:
Thou hast my Brother deigned to be,
Thou Lord of earth and heaven.
Help me through-out this day of grace
To praise Thy love and seek Thy face;
And when I stand before Thee
Forever to adore Thee.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

+SACRAMENT+

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, gracious Lord. You are the source of our life, the ruler of time, the giver of the good and wise Law, and the one who redeems us and sets Your people free. Grant continued faith for our journey through a new year as we live as Your beloved children, until the day we join with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven who laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(LSB 624, St. 7, Tune: LSB 358)*

**With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing
To Christ, God’s Lamb,
Our Priest and King.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(TUNE: *LSB 793*)

**In His temple now behold Him:
Lamb of God for sinners slain.
Show us mercy, dear Lord Jesus,
Free us from sin's dreadful reign.
Grant Your peace to ev'ry nation.
Shine Your light on us again.**

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+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- *are baptized and confirmed*
- *believe Christ's words*
- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 386

**1. Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth**

**Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!**

**2.Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirt,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Bless Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!!**

**3.Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till he opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!**

**4.Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!**

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB page 211)

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that through Your Son You set prisoners free and give the inheritance of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Through Christ, who kept the Law, and in His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, nourish our spirits, strengthen our faith, and equip us to love our neighbors. Bless our lives with Your abiding presence and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *LSB 733*

**1.O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**

**2.Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

**3.Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**4.A thousand ages in Thine sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**5.Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op’ning day.**

**6.O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last**

And our eternal home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **WED NIGHT BIBLE STUDY.** No study on January 4. Plan to join us when we resume Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 for a four-part series on “The Bible: What Is It?”
- **CLOTHING DRIVE:** We are holding a clothing drive to support the Sharing Center in Trevor for the cold weather months, now through February. Any coats/jackets, winter clothing, mittens, scarves, hats, and socks, all sizes, in "good used" or new condition are appreciated! Blankets/throws/baby blankets are also very welcome. Donations can be left by the food pantry box in the narthex.
- Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests. We are not collecting prayer request cards.

- **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.):** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Special Music Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton
Brian & Amanda Larie

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Wayne Olsen
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Ushers: Peter & Tami Voigt
Acolyte: James Urban
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Erna Wishnew
Communion: Jim Tonkinson
Ushers: Mike & Tabra Gonski
Acolyte: Danica Olsen
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

1/5 Mike McNulty
1/6 Tonya Olsen
1/6 Melani Wachholder

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

1/2/23 – 1/8/23

Wednesday **8:00am** **Men's Breakfast**
 9:30am **Elders' Meeting**
 10:30am **De-decorate Church**

Saturday: **9:30am** **Worship Service**

Sunday: **8:15am** **Choir Rehearsal**
 9:00am **Worship Service**
 Bible Study: "Book of Acts"
 & Children's Sunday School