New Year's Eve Worship
The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus

December 31, 2020 6:00 pm

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

To our visitors, we greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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AS WE GATHER

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God's promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. "He was called Jesus" (Luke 2:21) because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when "he was circumcised" (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are "justified by faith" in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, "you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. "Baptized into Christ," you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PASTORAL GREETING

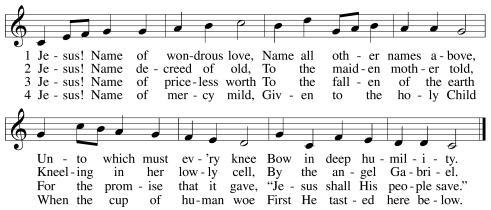
PRELUDE

Let All Things Now LivingDavid Cherwien

→ THE PREPARATION →

OPENING HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love LSB 900



- 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.

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **Q** Amen. Matthew 28:19h

- P O Lord, our Lord,
- how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
- P Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
- You have established strength because of Your foes.
- **P** O Lord, our Lord,
- how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

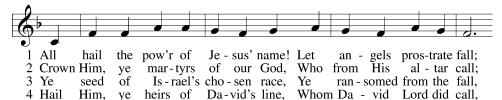
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- $label{eq:problem}$ Almighty God in His mercy... and of the $lap{H}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

The worm-wood and the gall,





Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all. Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get

7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng e at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.]

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

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

★ SERVICE OF THE WORD ★

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

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

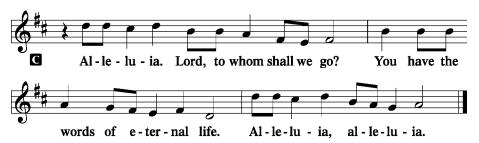
EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-29

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.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Common John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- **G** 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



SERMON

Hallowing Jesus' Name
Luke 2:21
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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,

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

whose kingdom will have no end.

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us with joy and confidence present our prayers to the Lord for ourselves, the Church and all people, that He may bless us with another year of grace.
- For the Church of Jesus Christ, that she be for all people the beacon of the hope and peace in this New Year. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

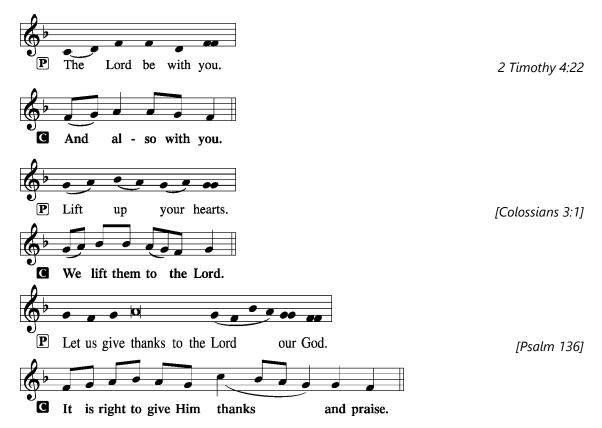
- For those who suffer in body or in heart, that they find healing and peace in the face of God's goodness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For those who live abandoned and forlorn, and those who have passed the holidays in solitude, that the presence of Jesus in the heart of their pain be the gift that soothes their distress. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For those who grieve over sins of the past, and those who fear tomorrow, that the Spirit of Jesus who intercedes for us keep them confident in the love of God our Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For our community as we continue the celebration of Christmas, that we each day praise God for His mercy that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For all to whom we wish a "Happy New Year," that God our Father keep them in His hand and that the light of the face of Jesus shine upon them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For all who receive the Lord's blessed body and blood in the Sacrament this day, that all impenitence and unbelief be removed from us that we may in godly fear and a living faith draw near and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayers as we trust in Your mercy today, tomorrow, and forever.
- C Amen.

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OFFERING

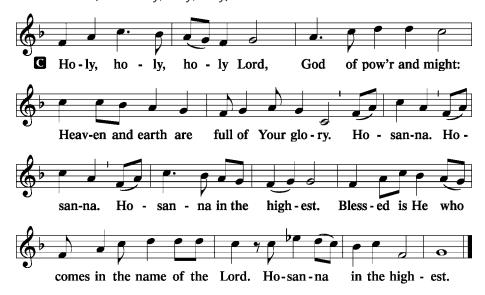
☆ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **☆**

PREFACE



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

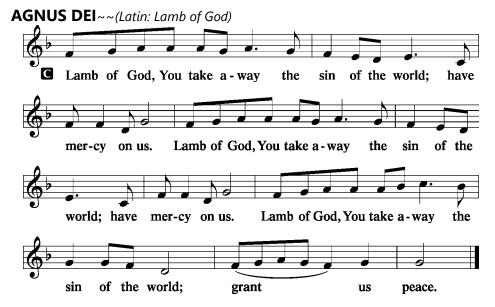
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

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



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life? (For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

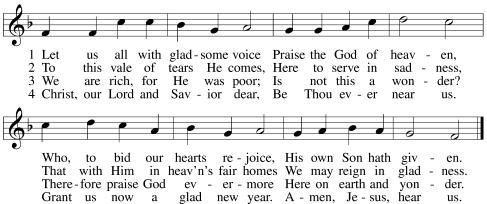
Instructions for Communing: We use <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let Us All With Gladsome Voice LSB 390



Jesus, Name above All Names LSB 970

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word. (Repeat)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly LSB 393





Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

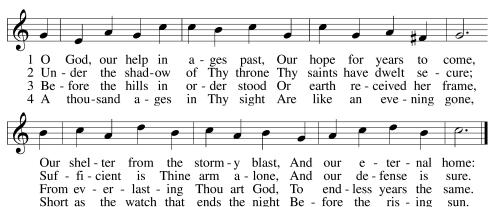
- Thanks be to God.
- ightharpoonup The Lord bless you...and ightharpoonup give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past LSB 733



- 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!

Charles Ore

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