

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:21

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.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

The Hymn of the Day: 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

The Homily

Offerings are not gathered this morning. While the pastor prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther's "Christian Questions . . ." on pp. 329-330).

The Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament

(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

The Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (pp. 199-202)

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!



The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

31 December Anno † Domini 2008 ~ 12:00 p.m.

(Observed)



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The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Preparatory Prayers

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 40:6-8; antiphon: 40:16



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great | is the Lord!"

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me
an | open ear.***

Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;*"
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;*
your law is with- | in my heart."

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great | is the Lord!"

The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

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.

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

The Gradual

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17

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.

The 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.

The Triple Alleluia (p. 190 - Top)