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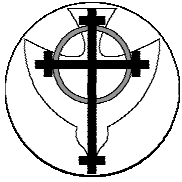
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## The Feast of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus 30 December Anno † Domini 2012 (Observed)

### Welcome

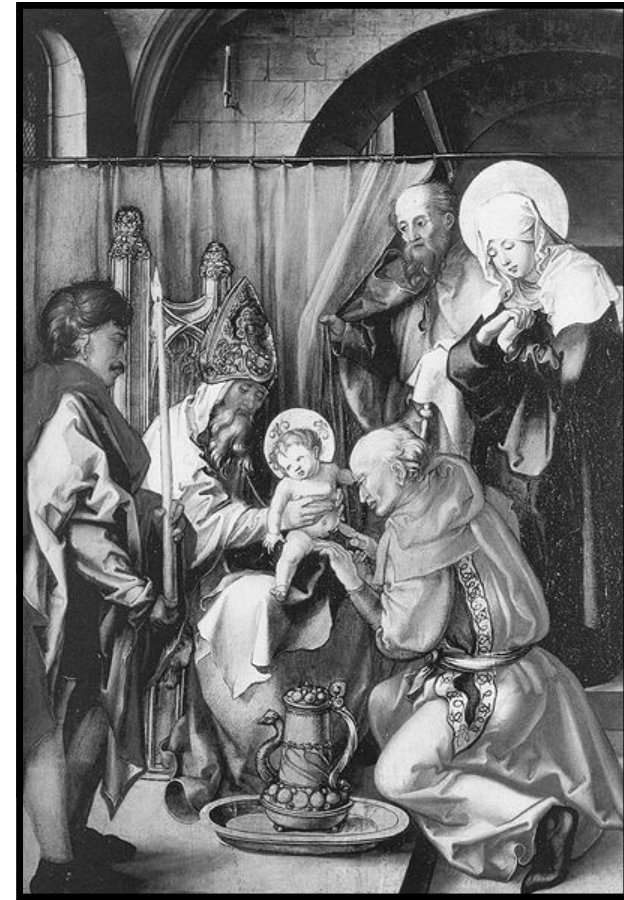
Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the sanctuary. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this morning!

### Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

### Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



*"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" (Luke 2:21).*

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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

*(The congregation stands at the Ringing of the Bells and faces the processional cross. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in, and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)*

**The Processional Hymn:** 549 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

**The Confession and Absolution** (pp. 184-185)

## About the Feast of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Old Testament Law (see Genesis 17:12; Leviticus 12:3) required the circumcision of all males in order to bring them into the covenant. Normally, this was done on the eighth day. Once the Christian Church established a date for Christmas, the commemoration of His circumcision was set for one week later.

This day reminds us that Christ fulfilled all the Law, even that specific only to Israel. He who was “born under the Law” now was under the Law Moses brought down Mount Sinai. As far as we know, this was the first time He felt pain on our behalf, the first blood He shed in our place.

The Name of Jesus is also important. As the angel told Joseph, “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Similarly, Gabriel told Mary, “You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” (Luke 1:31). The name Jesus (the Greek form of Joshua) means, “the LORD (Yahweh) saves.”

While planning for a new year and making your resolutions, remember the One who resolved to set you free from your sins and give thanks that He came to fulfill the Law for us who couldn’t and who has, indeed, saved us. As the apostle wrote:

*“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:10-11).*

*“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead” (Colossians 2:11-12).*

*“We are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh” (Philippians 3:3).*

## Distribution Hymns

512 "At the Name of Jesus"

524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

588 "Jesus Loves Me"

**The Nunc Dimittis** (pp. 199-200)

**The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect** (pp. 200-201)

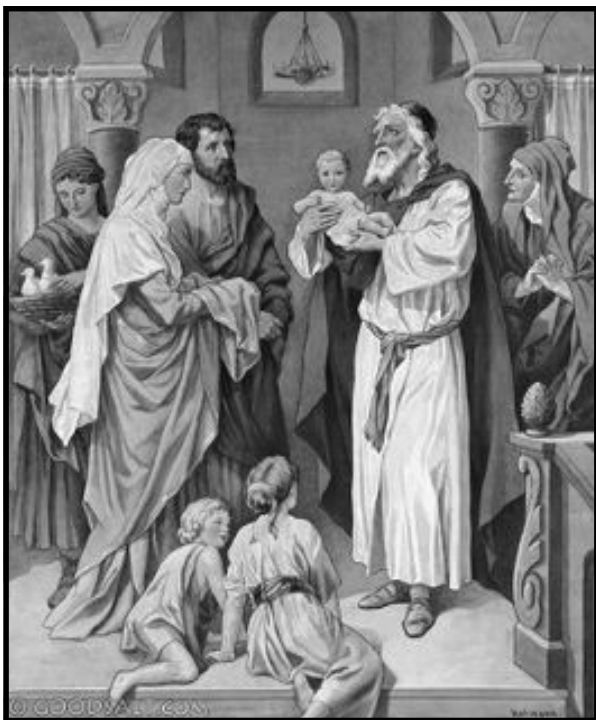
**The Salutation and Benedicamus** (pp. 201-202)

**The Benediction** (p. 202)

**The Recessional Hymn:** 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*



## 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*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

## The Gradual

*Heb. 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*

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

## The Alleluia and Verse



*Verse (choir): She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*



## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21*

<sup>21</sup>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.

## The Nicene Creed (p. 191)

## The Hymn of the Day: 900 “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

## The Sermon

## The Offertory (pp. 192-193)

### The Offering (p. 193)

*“Christ the Lord to Us is Born” (choir)*

*(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)*

### The Installation of Newly (Re-)Elected Congregational Officers

*(Chris Brown—Vice President; Carol Zeile—Treasurer; Megan Brown—Secretary; Daren Johnson—Trustee; Janice Sager—Christian Ed.; Miguel Ortiz—Elder; Coaline Luplow—Financial Secretary [to be appointed on Jan. 2]).*

### The Prayer of the Church (p. 193)

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## The Service of the Sacrament

*(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)*

### The Preface and Proper Preface (p. 194)

### The Sanctus (p. 195)

### The Lord's Prayer (p. 196)

### The Words of Our Lord (p. 197)

### The Pax Domini (p. 197)

### The Agnus Dei (p. 198)

**Communicants are invited to pray the following:**

**Before receiving the Sacrament:**

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:**

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*