

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Name of Jesus



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were “Christened” at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same Father and are invited to address him intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #275 ELW
(Please rise for the singing of the last verse)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, ✝ one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in ✝ Jesus’ name.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: 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 they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

This early Christian hymn points to Christ's self-emptying obedience on the cross as cause for his exaltation by God and worthy of praise by the entire cosmos.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human

form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Please rise for the Reading of the Gospel

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Glory to you, O Lord

Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be Seated

SERMON:

“Jesus, Jesus!”

Please Stand for the Hymn of the Day

HYMN OF THE DAY: “What Child is This” #296 ELW

APOSTLE’S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Blessed Jesus, your name is proclaimed through preaching, sacraments, music, art, and all forms of creativity. Bring together congregations and leaders from various traditions to make you known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Blessed Jesus, you reveal yourself through creation, here on earth and throughout the cosmos. Protect endangered species, bring favorable weather, and guide us to be good stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Blessed Jesus, you show nations and leaders the way of the humble servant. Guide all in authority to use power for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Blessed Jesus, you attend to the needs of your brothers and sisters. Hear the cry of those who call upon your name (*especially*) and send caregivers to provide help to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Blessed Jesus, you shower us with your grace. Accompany students returning to school, workers who rest from a busy holiday season, and your people gathered here for worship. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed Jesus, you emptied yourself to take on our likeness and form so we are blessed to become children of God. Inspire us by the witness of the faithful departed to confess your name above all names. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION - *Distribution by intinction.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#282 ELW

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger
Ushers: Skip & Lynn Hansen
Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz
Hospitality Hosts: Lee & Barb Forester

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Saturday, December 24th: 3:30pm: 114 5:00pm: 86
Sunday, December 25th: 10:00am: 34

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

January 2 thru January 8

Monday	1/2	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/3	10-noon	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	1/4	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Praise Team
		6:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	1/5	8:00 am	Romeos
		10:00 am	Tree Take Down
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	1/6	10:00 am	Bones
Saturday	1/7	1:00-4:00pm	Foot Clinic
Sunday	1/8	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Roundtable Meeting in Fellowship Hall-Top 5 Characteristics you would like to see in a minister.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

ROUNDTABLE MEETING There will be a roundtable meeting next Sunday after worship to discuss the results of the Ministry Site Profile form you filled out on the “Top 5 Characteristics You Would Like to see in a Minister”.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to assist you with making the coffee.

REFORMATION 500 KICKOFF CONFERENCE Sunday, January 22, 2017 2:00-5:00pm at First Lutheran Church in Aitkin. There is no cost for this event, however, registration is required. See flyer in January’s Newsletter or post on the bulletin board in Narthex. There is a “Sign Up Sheet” in Narthex. If we have enough people signed up, we can car pool or arrange to charter a bus.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

- Family and friends of Arden Westerlund whose funeral was last Wednesday here at church.
- Safe travel for all and protection from the cold.

FOOT CLINIC Our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 2017, from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

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Keith & Dorothy Mundinger	Loved Ones
Ray Piispanen & Judy Wourio	Loved Ones
Wayne & Joanne Danielson	Loved Ones
Pat & Jerry Becker	Loved Ones
Lee & Barb Forrester	Loving Parents
Chuck & Elsa Carlson	Our Family
Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger	Our Parents
Mark & Mary Vukelich family	Robert D. and Ron D. Appleman
Dianne & Del Jones	Parents
Cheri Johnson	Bill
Judie Birk	Family and Friends
Pastor Terry Frovik	Parents: Earl & Priscilla Grefsrud Carl & Irene Frovik
Cliff & Sharon Roberts	“Mom” Maxine Pearson
Skip & Lynn Hansen	Parents & Brother
Richard Gripp	Daughter – Kathy
Jenny Schuett	Dennis & Parents
Craig & Pat Kullberg	Our Family
Rich & Marge Nelson	Parents
Randy & Laurina Tofteland	Parents, Kids & Grandchildren
Bev Wedig	Al & Jen
Marilyn Andrews	Husband & Parents
Sylvia Tapelt	Kurt & Ilse Treske, Noah Treske
Maynard Berland	Son – Brent
Melody Lackner	Marie
Kenny & Patti Wanous	Our kids, Families, Friends

Cindy & Dan Persson
Marilyn Elling

Barbara Orr – “Mom”
Loved Ones

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