

Name of Jesus (*transferred*)—January 2, 2022



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"Hymns of Adoration"
arr. Phillip Keveren

Introduction to the Day

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

Refrain A:

I will sing to
and worship
The King who
is worthy.
And I will love and
adore Him,
and I will bow down
before Him.
And I will sing to
and worship
The King who
is worthy.
And I will love and
adore Him,
And I will bow down
before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for
You.

Refrain B:

You are Lord of lords,
You are King of kings,
You are mighty God,
Lord of ev'rything.
You're Emmanuel,
You're the Great I Am,
You're the Prince of Peace
who is the Lamb.
You're the living God,
You're my saving grace.
You will reign forever;
You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha Omega,
Beginning and End.
You're my Savior; Messiah,
Redeemer and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace,
And I will live my life for
You.

You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

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+ Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+ Prayer of the Day

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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.**

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from Numbers.

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 8

Let us recite together Psalm 8 as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

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

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 2:15-21

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

Young at Heart Message

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

"What's in a Name?"—a reflection from *SundaysandSeasons.com*

+ Song of the Day

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Blessed Be the Name

Heri ni jina



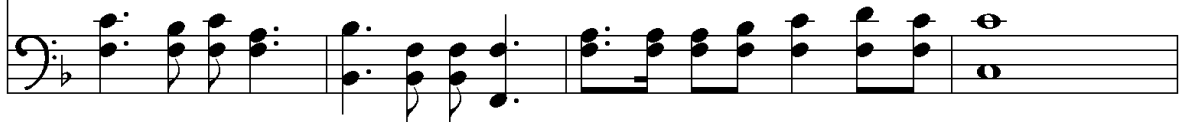
1 He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
 2 Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
 1 Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.
 2 Let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. *A - mi - ni!*
 Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
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Installation of 2022 Leaders

+ Nicene Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church to confess that Jesus is Lord. Fill us with wonder at the good and saving news of Jesus. May we treasure your words and meditate upon them, that we reveal your glory to the world with humility and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your name, O God, is majestic in all the earth. You set the moon and stars in their courses. You are mindful of every work of your hand: flocks and cattle, birds and fish, seas and fields. Make us wise stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the nations with your grace and peace. Inspire and uphold treaties, cease-fires, and international agreements that seek to calm strife between nations. Shield all those who work to protect vulnerable populations from exploitation or danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We cry, “Abba! Father!” as we seek your loving care in times of need. Heal those wounded by hurtful words. Console all who are weighed down by depression and anxiety. Call by name any who feel unloved, misunderstood, or rejected. Heal the sick, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all the saints who proclaimed the name of Jesus in life and who now rest in glory. Show us our inheritance as adopted heirs of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611.

Checks can be also be sent to church:
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



+ Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

+ Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Communion

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

Where possible, commune one another saying "the body of Christ, given for you" and "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Distribution Song

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

+ Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.
Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **Amen.**

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ☩ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” ELW #857

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude