

Worship Notes New Year's Day – January 1, 2023

We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today, and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!

THEME

The Lord's benediction needs to be articulated constantly in our life's journey that oscillates back and forth between sin, guilt, and confession and mercy, life, and grace. The Divine Service unwraps the promises of God in Word and Sacrament and concludes with the comforting words, "The Lord bless you and keep you." And He does. Christ alone justifies us through faith, granting all believers an edict of equality — baptized, forgiven, and heirs of heaven.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Hymn of the Day, *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*, by William W. How (1823-1897) first appeared in the original edition of *Psalms and Hymns* (1854) which he prepared with Thomas Baker Morrell. He based it on the angel's words to Joseph, "You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Because the focus on New Year's Day is on the name of Jesus, it is an especially appropriate hymn to use at this time in our worship. It has been popular in Lutheran hymnals since the 1912 English *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book* was published. It is also popular in many other Christian denominations.

The tune is German, and is a slightly altered form of a tune first published in minister-musician Johann A. Freylinghausen's celebrated *Geistreiches Gesangbuch (Halle, 1704)*. The current melodic form was first published in 1744, and the setting we currently use comes from *The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)*. We also use this lively tune for the mission hymn, *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*.

What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)⁴ or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

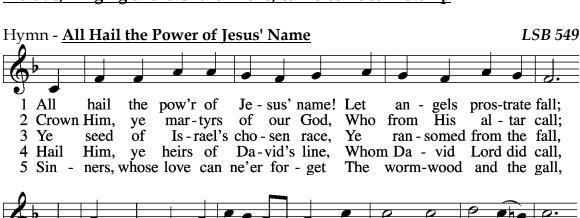
³¹ Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴¹Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

New Year's Day

Divine Service, Setting Four **January 1, 2023**

Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, & Welcome to Worship





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. His grace And crown Him Lord of Hail Him who saves you by all. 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.



di - a - dem And crown Him the roy - al Bring forth Lord of all. Jes - se's rod And crown Him of all. Ex - tol the stem of Lord Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all. The 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.
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We 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.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Collect

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ended and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In this new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins & Absolution

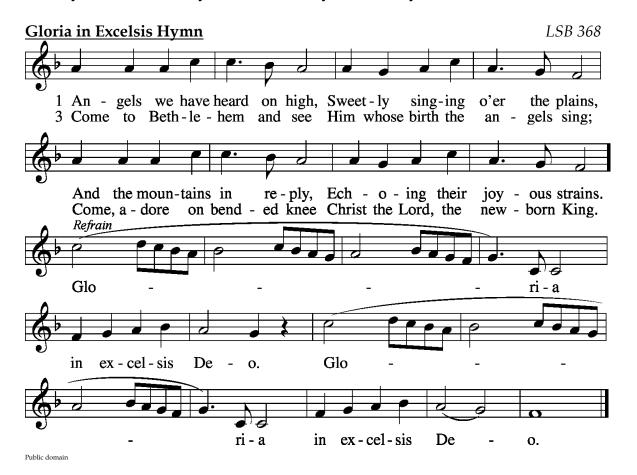
- Let us confess our sins before the Alpha and Omega; our God, without beginning and without end.
- Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- P Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: Psalm 40:16

- P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
- may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
- P Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.
- **©** Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- **P** Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
- **C** in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- P I desire to do your will, O my God;
- **C** your law is within my heart."

- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
- may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

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.

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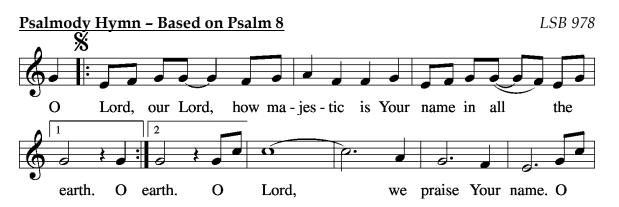
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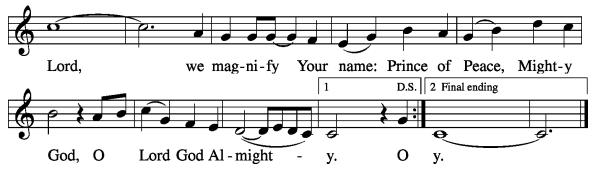
Numbers 6:22-27

The Aaronic benediction

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!





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The Epistle Galatians 3:23-29

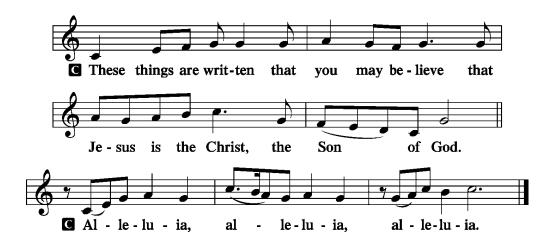
"All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

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

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

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Holy Gospel Luke 2:21

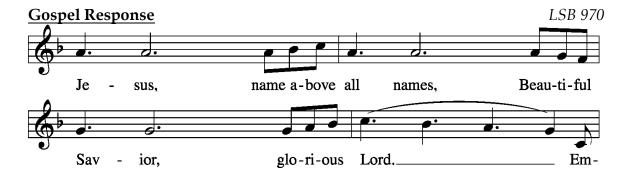
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

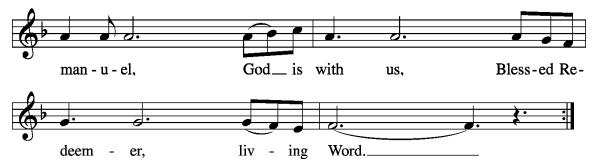
C Glory to You, O Lord.

The naming and circumcision of Jesus

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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ!





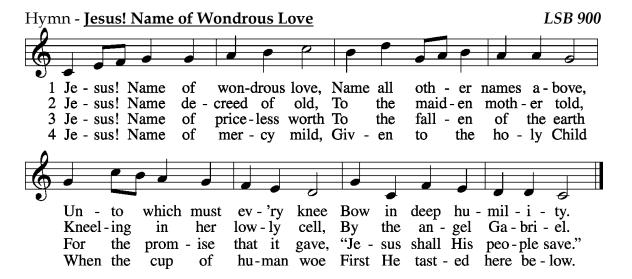
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The Nicene Creed

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, whose kingdom will have no end.

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.



- 5 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.

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

P O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways.

Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

After each petition:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

- P Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The offerings are brought forward as the Offertory Hymn is sung and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper



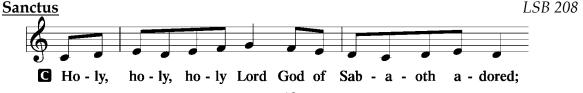
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

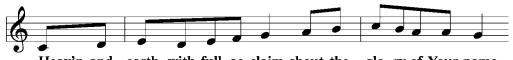
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<u>Preface</u> LSB 208

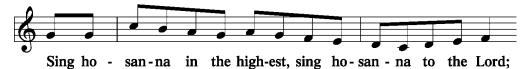
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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 Confession

- The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
- I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession – Article X)

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others. (Romans 12:1)

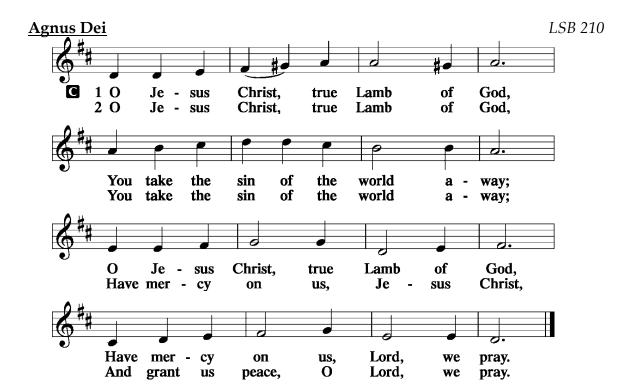
Consecration - The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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



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Reception of the Lord's Supper

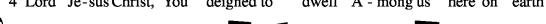




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- 1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,
- 2 What Ad-am lost, none could re claim, And Par a dise was barred
- 3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re-ceived; 4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A mong us here on earth





E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored. Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred. Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved. As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son; To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove, Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace. He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won. Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love. That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

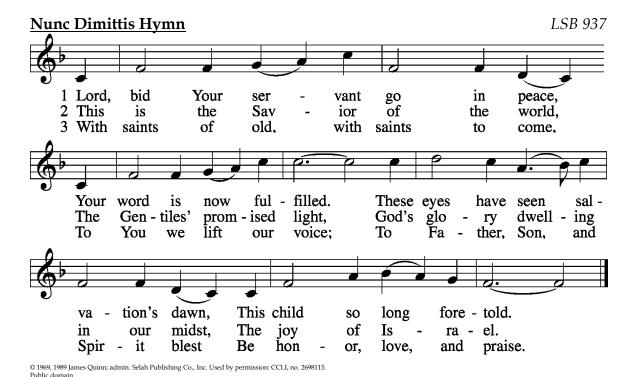
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Post-Communion Collect

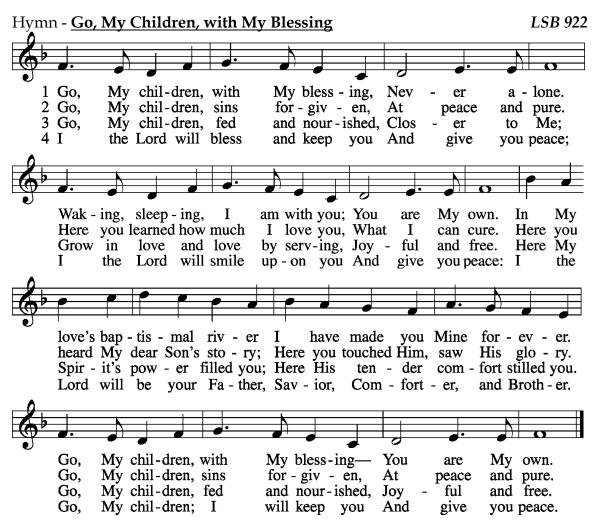
- **P** Let us pray:
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.



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Silent Prayer

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Announcements and Postlude

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All Immanuel members & our guests are asked to complete one of the worship attendance cards found in the pew racks. Please give your card to an usher as you leave worship. Thank you!

YOU MAY PREPARE for next week, Epiphany is Observed, by reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

"Arise, shine, for your light has come."

Psalm 72:1-15

All kings will bow down to Him.

Ephesians 3:1-12

You will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi





The Poinsettias decorating our chancel were given to the praise and glory of God by the following Immanuel members:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baur Mr. & Mrs. William Budner

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Burkemper Mrs. Betty Crane

Mrs. Dorothy Hanske Mrs. Joyce Hutchison

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kiehl Mr. & Mrs. David Leidholdt

Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Loebs Mrs. Judy Meyr

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mirly Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Mohrmann

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Murray Mrs. Gertrude Oleshchuk

Mrs. Velma Rohan Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Sudbring

The special center bouquet was given with praise and thanksgiving on the wedding anniversary of Todd & Ksenia Mirly, and the birthdays of Dawn Weinstock, Todd Mirly and Natalie Oleschuk.

Poinsettias may be picked up at any time following today's service!

Serving Today:

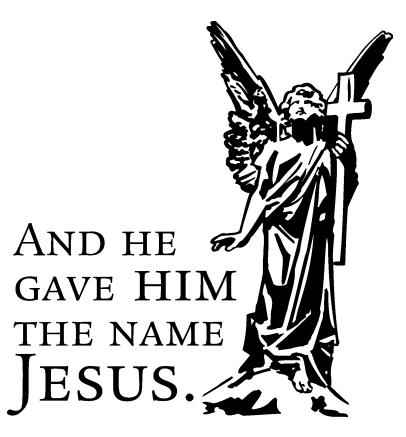
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