

The Eve of the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus  
(New Year's Eve)  
December 31, 2017  
Plano, Texas

IHS

The name *Jesus* means “the Lord saves.” The initials “IHS” are the first three letters of the name *Jesus* in Greek.

*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

*(Colossians 3:17)*

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Divine Services: Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.; Wylie 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Wylie 11:15 a.m.





## Collect of the Day

**P** 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*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.

## Gradual

*(Hebrews 8:10; 10:17)*

**P** This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel\*  
after those days, de- | clares the Lord:

**C** I will put my laws in- | to their minds\*  
and write them | on their hearts.

**P** I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.\*  
I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.

## Epistle Reading

*Galatians 3:23-29*

*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.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*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.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Sermon Hymn:** “*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*”

*LSB 900*

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**Offering**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface - Sanctus - Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Lord’s Prayer - The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini - Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns:**

*“The Ancient Law Departs”*

*LSB 898*

*“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”*

*LSB 630*

*“At the Name of Jesus”*

*LSB 512*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Collect - Benedicamus - Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** *“Across the Sky the Shades of Night”*

*LSB 899*

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