

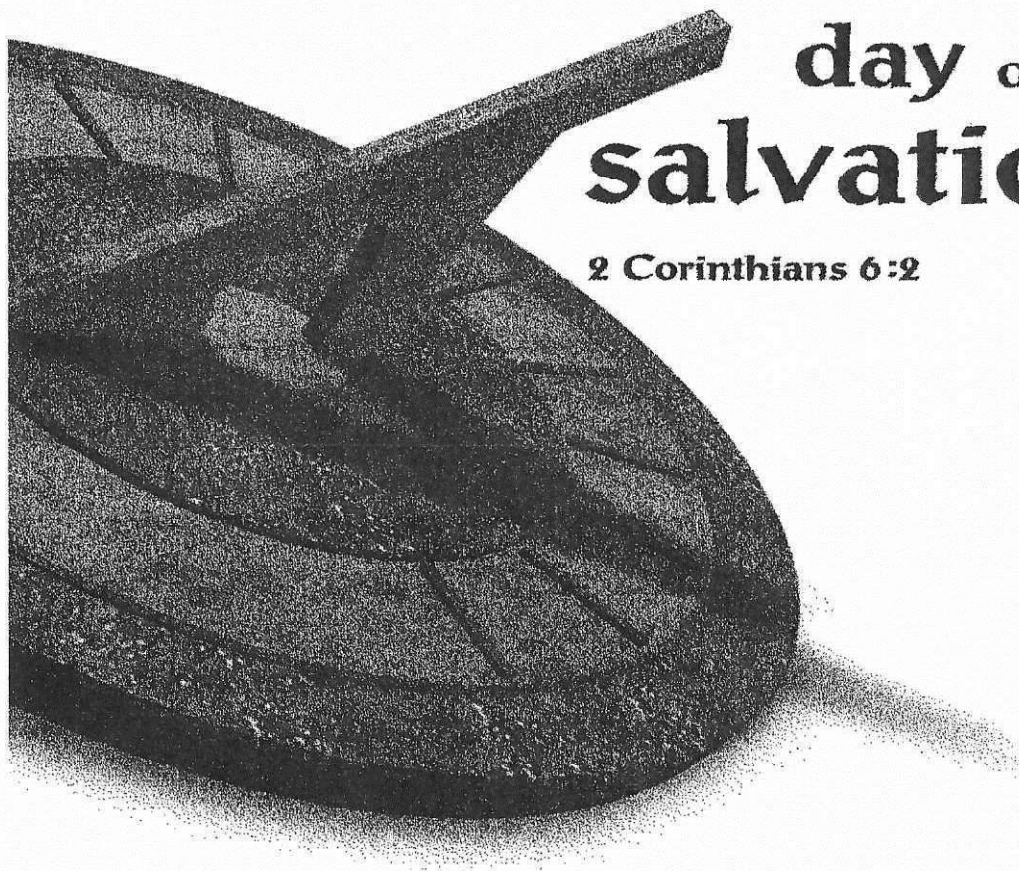
Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas

**Behold, now is
the acceptable
time;**

**behold, now is the
day of
salvation.**

2 Corinthians 6:2



**New Year's Day
A NEW NAME
January 1, 2023**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: A NEW NAME

Throughout all time, billions upon billions of people have lived on this earth and each of them had a name. A name identifies and defines a person from the time of birth until the time of death. And a person is remembered by their name even after their life in this world has come to its completion. There is, however, a name that far surpasses all names both in power and longevity. A name that identifies and defines the One who was "with God" and "was God" from eternity (John 1:1). A name that proclaims His very purpose for coming into our world – to save us from our sins. A name that becomes a new name and an eternal name for all who believe in Him. A name that is above all names. A name for all time. His name is Jesus.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting One” from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB 900

**Jesus! Name of wondrous love, name all other names above,
Unto which must ev’ry knee, bow in deep humility.**

**Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.**

**Jesus! Name of priceless worth, to the fallen of the earth,
For the promise that it gave, “Jesus shall His people save.”**

**Jesus! Name of mercy mild, given to the holy Child,
When the cup of human woe, first He tasted here below.**

**Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n, under all the mighty heav’n,
Whereby those to sin enslaved, burst their fetters and are saved.**

**Jesus! Name of wondrous love, human name of God above.
Pleading only this, we flee, helpless, O our God, to Thee.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) A - - - men

Confession of Sins

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* A - - - men.

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 8

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

C: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

C: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

P: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.

C: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

Hymn of Praise

“How Majestic is Your Name”

[AGPS 122]

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name.

Prince of Peace. Mighty God. O Lord God Almighty.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name.
Prince of Peace. Mighty God. O Lord God Almighty.**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.
C: *(sung)* And also with you.

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.
ALL: Gracious Father, in your great love for the world you have given us the gift of your only Son as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel. Open our hearts to receive him and sanctify our lives to proclaim his name to all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. John 1:14

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 no male and 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.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.** John 1:14

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 2:21-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

LSB 524

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the heart's unrest.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place.
My never failing treasury filled, with boundless stores of grace.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest and King.
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would Thy love proclaim, with ev'ry fleeting breath.
And may the music of Thy name, refresh my soul in death!**

Sermon

A NEW NAME

Confession of Faith

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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things that are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread . . .

In the same way also he took the cup after supper . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C: (*sung*) A - men.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

LSB 621

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light descending, from the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with cease-less voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love.
O name of might and favor, all other names above.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation, of love beyond our thought.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our gracious Lord and King.**

**In Thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine.
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, to Thee, O Christ, we sing.
We praise Thee and confess Thee, our glorious Lord and King.**

**O grant the consummation, of this our song above,
In endless adoration, and everlasting love.
Then shall we praise and bless Thee, where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, our Savior and our King!**

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king, through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won, which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky, can fully bear that sight.
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high.
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall.
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.**

Song of Thanksgiving "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

LSB 937

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.**

**With saints of old, with saints to come, to You we lift our voice.
To Father, Son and Spirit blest, be honor, love and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call.
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**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.**