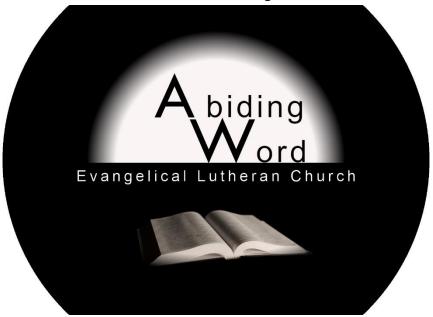
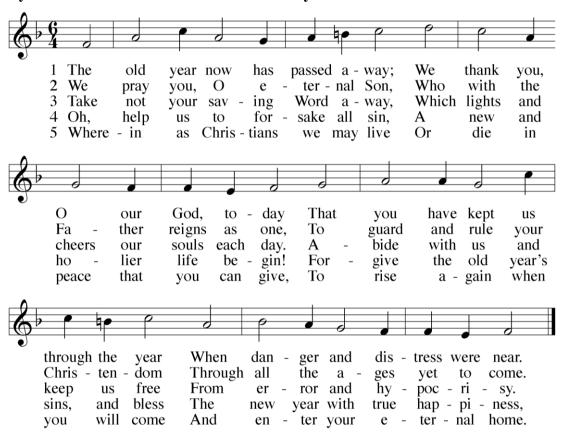
December 31st, 2020 New Year's Eve/Naming of Jesus



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At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship);
We grow in the Word (education);
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).



6 There shall we thank you and adore
With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise your name through life and death.

Text: attr. Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) Cantionale Germanicum, Gochsheim, 1628.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As we enter God's house for the final time in 2020 and think back upon the year now past, we confess our sins.

C: Dear God, we have not honored you above all things. We have pursued our own interests instead. We have allowed the world and our sinful nature to identify the prizes of life. We have cherished the very things you hate; we have avoided what you love. Cleanse us, heal us, and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

M: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jesus traded his obedience for your disobedience. For all your sins of the past year, God doesn't give you what you deserve—justice; instead you get what you do not deserve—mercy! His death means your life; your sins are forgiven! By his death and resurrection, the Lord has forgiven your past and secured your future with him.

C: Amen!

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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First Lesson (Numbers 6:22-27)

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

- ²⁴ "'"The LORD bless you and keep you;
- the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
- the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."
- ²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Second Lesson (1 Peter 1:22-25)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Luke 13:6-9)

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

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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 fully 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,

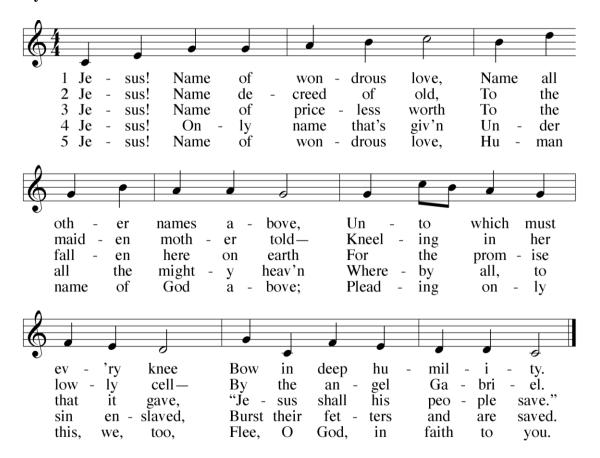
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated



Text: William W. How, 1823–97, abr., alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

Sermon Study on Luke 2:21

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

- M: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of 2020, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.
- C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.
- M: Once again, you have clothed your creation with beauty; you have fed even the birds and have shown us that we are much more valuable than they.
- C: You know what we need and you have given us all good things.
- M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.
- C: We thank you for the way you have blessed us with all this and more during the past year.
- M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation and equip us for service.
- C: As we think about these blessings tonight, we realize we have taken them for granted at times during this past year. Forgive us for our apathy and increase our desire and appreciation for your gifts of grace.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M: Almighty and eternal God, it is surely you who has saved us. We will trust in you and not be afraid! As you led your people through difficult times in the past, you have also led us through this difficult year. Most importantly, you have led us from the bondage of sin and death into a new life with you. Continue to lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory now and be prepared to sing your praises forever in heaven.
- C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Consecration Of The Elements

Sung to "From Heaven Above" (38)

Sing: The night our Savior was betrayed
He took the bread and then he prayed.
Gave thanks and gave to them the bread

And to his true disciples said:

M: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Sing: Then when the sacred meal was o'er,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more.
He offered thanks and lifted up
To give to all the blessed cup:

M: "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Agnus Dei

Sung to "From Heaven Above" (38)

Sing: O Jesus, Lamb of God, you take
The sin of all; atonement make.
Oh, grant us from our sins release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!

Please sit during the distribution

The Nunc Dimittis Sung to "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (334)

Lord, let your servant now depart. Your joy and peace are in my heart. Your saving pow'r my eyes have known. Your love through all the earth is shown.

Lord, let us show the world your light. Let us declare your glory bright. Proclaim your death until you come To take your ransomed servants home.

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

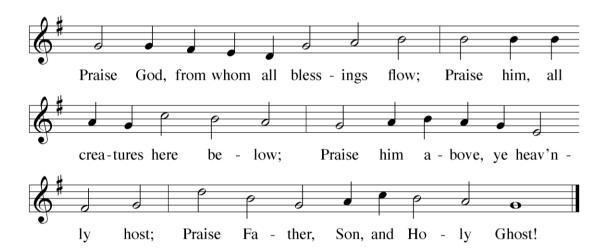
M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

Rev. 22:21

C: Amen.



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551.