

**RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Feast of the Name of Jesus
January 1, 2023
10:00AM**

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance; wearing face masks is optional.

Opening Voluntary: “Poeme Mystique,” Richard Purvis

When the bell rings, the congregation rises and faces the cross.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the
sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was
baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you
claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of
all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City” (ELW 269)

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,

where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

Greeting

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.

Gloria: We sing “Angels We Have Heard on High” (ELW 289)

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from Numbers.

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

²³“Speak 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’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

²⁷“So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

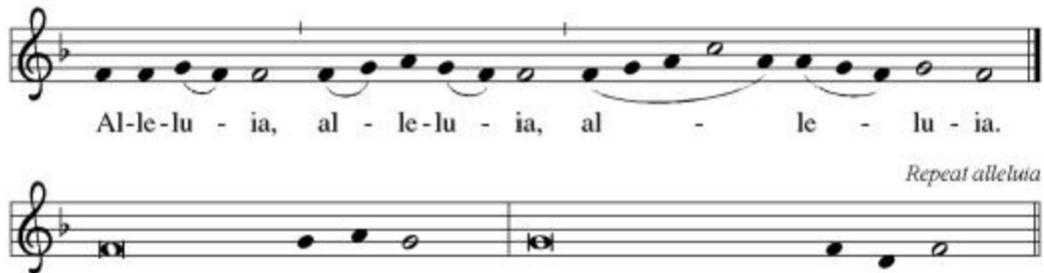
A reading from Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come,
God sent the 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 the 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

Verse sung by cantor, with assembly singing the alleluias.



At the name of Jesus every | knee should bend, * in heaven and on earth and un- |
der the earth.

Holy Gospel: 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,

¹⁹and 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,
just as it had been told them.

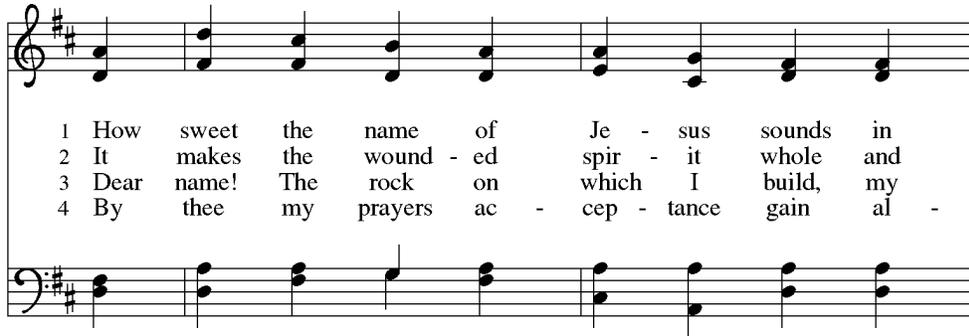
²¹When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child,
and he was called Jesus,
the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

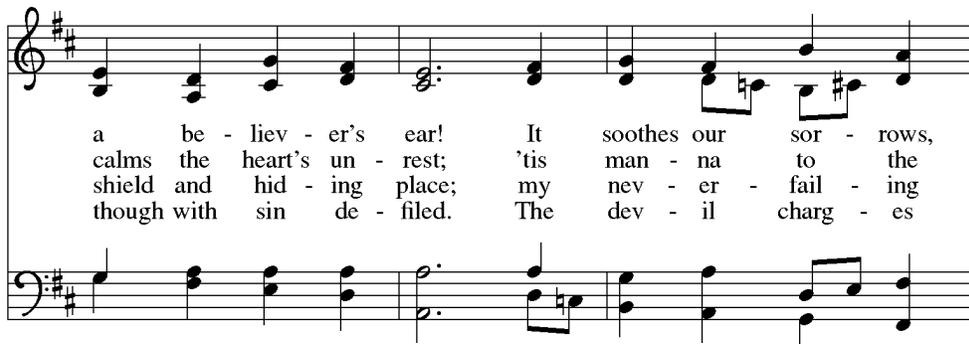
Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (ELW 620)

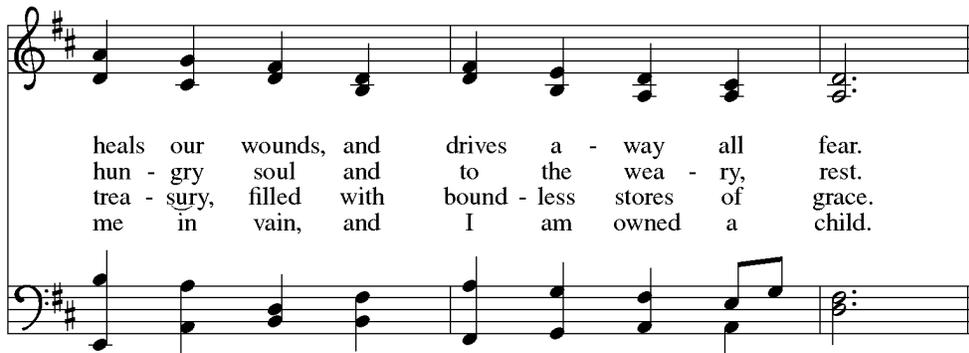
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 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.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate the new year, let us pray for God's blessings throughout 2023, responding to each petition with words from the first reading, "Be gracious to us." All through 2023, O redeeming God, bless your church. Renew the strength of bishops, pastors, deacons, musicians, and all servants of the church. Give us hope in your goodness and joy in your salvation. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O bountiful God, bless your earth. Grant your care to flocks and cattle, the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Reveal new ways for us to live in harmony with your creation. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O ruling God, bless the nations of the world. Bring peace and justice where there is violence and abuse of power. Inspire those in authority to serve the common good, and preserve stability in the United States. Protect those who risk danger for the sake of others. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O reconciling God, lead us out of patterns of prejudice and into reconciliation with one another. Help us to honor all persons as members of your family and our siblings under your care. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O loving God, give us wisdom in our resolutions and strength during hardships. Console those who are afraid or lonely. Give jobs to the unemployed. Direct us toward the solution to the world's problems, to feed the hungry, to house the homeless, to serve the neighbor. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O compassionate God, attend to those who suffer. Restore health care workers. Heal the sick. Accompany those living with chronic and invisible illness. Visit those whose name we all out here Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

Throughout 2023, O precious God, pour over us and into us your Holy Spirit, that we may live as your own, and accept the silent petitions we offer. . . .Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

At this beginning of 2023, O eternal God, hear our praise for all those whose lives proclaimed your name. At our end, bring us with them into your everlasting life. Hear us, merciful God.

Be gracious to us.

O God, you are the Beginning and the Ending of all. Receive our prayers for the sake of one who made known to us the mystery of your will, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.

Offertory: "O Blessed Day," Flor Peeters

Offering and Setting the Table

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

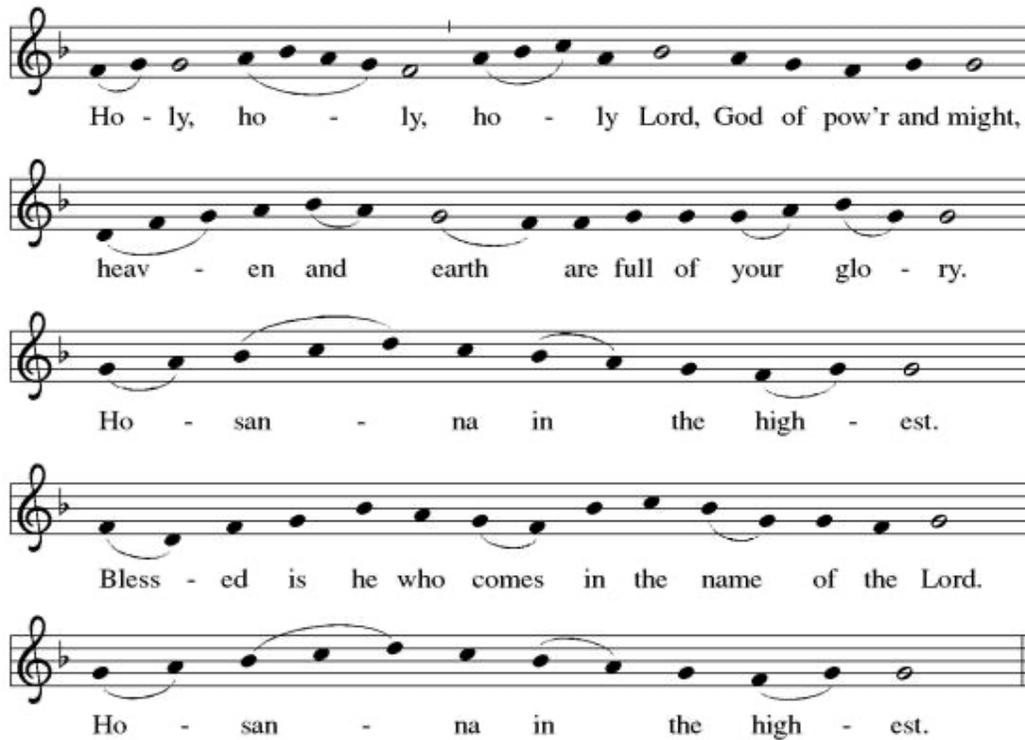
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy (Setting Five, ELW page 162)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at Table for Christmastide

We sing a new song to you, O God of our salvation,
for you have done marvelous things.
Since the beginning of time, you have spoken your Word,
and your light shines in our darkness.

Glory to you, O God:
Glory to you, O God.

The seas are thundering with praise,
the rivers are clapping their hands.
The hills ring out with gladness,
and the trees are shouting their joy.

Glory to you, O God:
Glory to you, O God.

Your Son rules in truth and justice,
victorious and merciful is he!
We praise your majesty lying in a manger,
Jesus Christ, born of Mary and lauded by angels.
Glory to you, O God:
Glory to you, O God.

On the night before he died, 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.

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.

Send your Spirit on us and on this meal of wonder.
In this bread, give us the body of Christ.
With this cup, reveal the grace of your risen Son.
Make known to the whole earth your steadfast love.
Glory to you, O God:
Glory to you, O God.

In these dark days, bring the dawn of your righteousness to birth.
Hold the living and the dead in your hands.
In your good time, awaken the sleeping animals,
and revive the dormant plants with your life-giving Spirit.
Glory to you, O God:
Glory to you, O God.

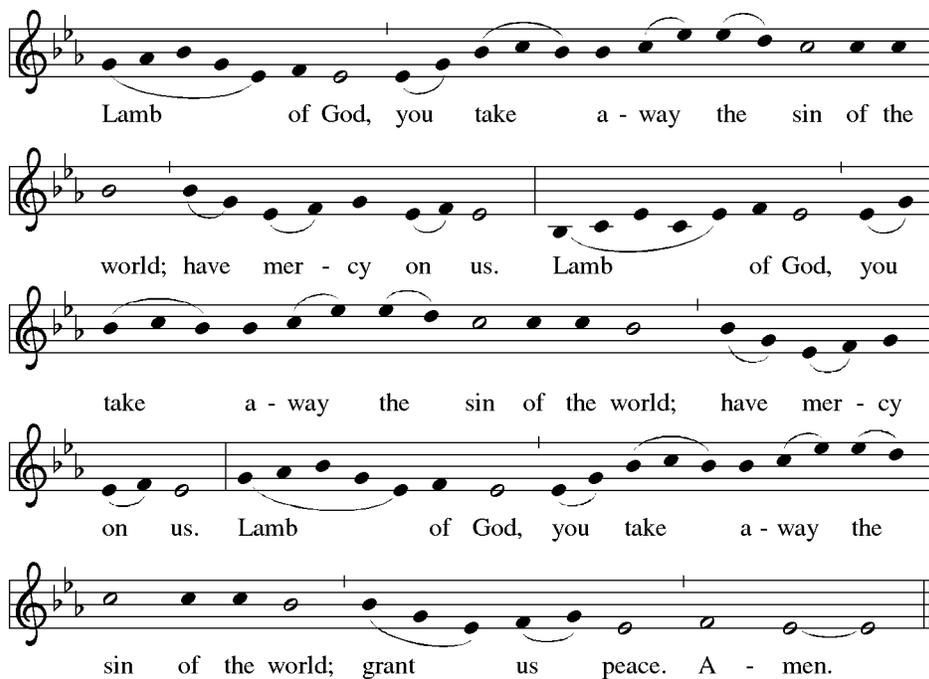
With trumpets and horns and harps,
with the faithful on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we sing to your splendor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God Most High, Light of the earth, and Judge of the world,
today and forever.
Amen.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer



*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: (Setting Five, ELW pages 164)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Hymn during Communion: “That Boy-Child of Mary” (ELW 293)

That Boy-Child of Mary



That boy - child of Mar - y was born in a sta - ble,



a man - ger his cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.



- 1 What shall we call him, child of the man - ger?
- 2 His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us,
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,
- 4 Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er,



What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?
 God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem.
 born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem?
 makes him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem.

5 One with the Father,
 he is our Savior,
 heaven-sent helper
 in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,
 love and adore him,
 give ourselves to him
 in Bethlehem.

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Song after Communion (ELW Setting One)

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Love Has Come" (ELW 292)

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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Announcements:

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: “Plain Jesu” from *Magnificat*, Jean-Francois Dandrieu

Notes on the Music for Today

Hymn of the Day: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” ELW 620

Text: John Newton (1725-1807)

Text: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

John Newton wrote this hymn and published it in his *Olney Hymns* in 1779 under the title “The Name of Christ.” It was included in the first book of that collection, which was titled “On Select Texts of Scripture.” Song of Solomon 1:3 was the text on which this hymn in seven stanzas was based.

Two of the original seven stanzas are always included: the first (“How sweet the name...”) and the original fifth (“Jesus! My Shepherd, ...”). The original fourth stanza (“By thee my prayers...”) is nearly always omitted in modern hymnals, except when all seven stanzas are included. Hymnals vary as to which of the remaining four stanzas are omitted.

The opening line of the original fifth stanza has been a problem for hymnal editors because of Newton's use of the word “Husband” (the original version was “Jesus! My Shepherd, Husband, Friend”). His word choice makes sense if viewed in light of the long tradition of reading Song of Solomon as an allegory for the love between Christ and the Church, His Bride. However, hymnal editors have generally found it awkward for congregational use, and have found a substitute word for “husband.” Common choices are “guardian” or “brother.”

The first stanzas of the hymn focus on the soothing power of the name of Jesus. The stanza beginning “Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend” is a list of some of Christ's other names. The remaining stanzas speak of the relationship between Christ and the Christian.

Alexander R. Reinagle, not to be confused with his uncle Alexander Reinagle (1756-1809) also a composer, was organist at the Church of St. Peter's in the East in London from 1822 to 1853. His tune ST. PETER was named for that church and was first published in Reinagle's *Psalm Tunes for Voice and Piano Forte* in 1830. He later harmonized it for *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1861.

Readings for the Coming Week:

Monday (commemoration of Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872) Psalm 72. **Tuesday** Genesis 28:10-22. **Wednesday** Exodus 3:1-5. **Thursday** Hebrews 11:32-12:2. **Friday** (Epiphany of our Lord) Matthew 2:1-12. **Saturday** 1 Kings 10:1-13. **Baptism of our Lord** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

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**January 1, 2023
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Gordon Lathrop	Presiding Minister
Gail Ramshaw	Assisting Minister
Maggie Mount	Reader
Barbara Verdile	Cantor
Maggie Mount and Dave Oaks	Communion Assistants
Glen Mason	Lock-Up, starting January 1

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