

[We rise]  
**The Prayer of the Church**  
**The Our Father** (inside back cover of Service Book)  
**“God Bless Our Native Land”** #965

**The Service of the Sacrament** p. 194  
[Please review our Communion Policy on  
Page 1 of this Service Guide]

Hymn [We are seated]  
**“The Ancient Law Departs** #898  
[We rise, st. 5]

**The Nunc Dimittis** p. 199  
**Thanksgiving,** p. 200  
**Salutation, *Benedicamus,*** p. 201  
**Benediction** p. 202  
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]  
Final Hymn **“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”** #922

# A Guide to The Divine Service

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[New Year's Eve]  
*The Eve of Feast of the Circumcision and  
Name of Jesus*

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

### Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 185

Entr. Hymn "Let All Together Praise Our God" #389

#### The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



*Antiphon* Let all those that seek / Thee re- / joice: \* And / be\_ / glad in / Thee. || Let such as love / Thy sal- / vation: \* Say continually, the / Lord be / magni- / fied!

**Sacri- / fice and / offering: \* Thou / didst\_ / not de- / sire; || Mine ears / hast Thou / opened: \* burnt offering and sin offering / hast Thou / not re- / quired.**

Then said I, / Lo, I / come: \* in the volume of the book, / it is / written of / me: || I delight to do Thy will, / O my / God: \* Yea, Thy law / is with- / in my / heart.

**Let all those that seek / Thee re- / joice: \* And / be\_ / glad in / Thee. || Let such as love / Thy sal- / vation: \* Say continually, the / Lord be / magni- / fied!**

**The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie** p. 186

**The Gloria in Excelsis** p. 187

**Salutation, Collect** p. 189

#### Collect for the Eve of the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus:

O Lord God, who for our sakes hast made Thy blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be pure form all sinful desires and lusts; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for the Eve of the Feast of the Name of Jesus: O God, who hast made Thine only-begotten Son the Savior of mankind and didst give Him the name of Jesus, mercifully grant that we who worship His name on earth may joyfully behold Him in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

Collect for the New Calendar Year: Almighty and Everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year now past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favourable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Thy blessing through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

Collect for the Season of Christmas: Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time didst send Thy Son to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank Thee for Thy truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior, by whose birth we are delivered from sin, death, Satan, and hell; and we beseech Thee, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that, with all the holy angels, we may rejoice at His nativity and behold Him together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day Number 6.22-27

[Putting God's Name on His people]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

**Responsory: Hymn 733**

Epistle of the Day Galatians 3.23-29

[Baptized into Christ]

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

**Responsory: Hymn 594 (alt. tune: #648)**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day**

**The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia**

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of / Isra- / el: \*

**After / those days, / saith the / Lord. ||**

I will be to / them a / God: \*

**And they shall / be to / Me a / people.**

I will put My laws into their hearts: Alleluia! / Alle- / luia! \*

**And in their minds will I write them: / Alle- / lu\_ - / ia! ||**

And their sins and iniquities: Alleluia! / Alle - / luia! \*

**Will I remember no more: / Alle - / lu\_ / ia!**

**The Triple Alleluia** p. 190

**The Holy Gospel**

**Announcement of the Holy Gospel**

Holy Gospel of the Day Luke 2.21

[The Circumcision and Name of Jesus]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

**The Nicene Creed** p. 191

[We are seated]

**Chief Hymn: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"** #384

**Sermon**

[We rise]

**The Offertory "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"** #390

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*