

# The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Thursday, January 1, 1998 · Christmas · 1997–1998 Church Year · Three-Year Series C

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## Appointed Readings

**First Reading:** Numbers 6:22-27

**Psalm:** Psalm 8 (antiphon: v. 9)

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29

**Gospel:** Luke 2:21

## Introit

*Nomen Iesu* — Philippians 2:10–11; Psalm 8:1

*O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth: Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the son of man that Thou visitest him? Psalm. Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer: Thy Name is from everlasting.*

## Collect of the Day

*O Lord God, Who, for our sakes, hast made Thy blessed Son our Saviour 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 from 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.*

## Gradual

*ALL the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. V. The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. V. God, Who of old time spake in divers ways unto the fathers by the prophets: hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Hallelujah.*

## Daily Lectionary

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 61:1-11 · **New Testament:** Luke 1:57-80

Readings, Hymn of the Day, and Daily Lectionary per the Lutheran Service Book (CPH, 2006) and the LSB Propers of the Day (CPH, 2007).  
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