The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Thursday, January 1, 2026 · Christmas · 2025–2026 Church Year · Three-Year Series A

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). Reading references and hymn numbers only; the texts themselves are not reproduced.