

***St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School***

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**Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**

***"Welcome Visitors & Members!"***

*To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.*

*For further assistance in worship and information on our church, please see the back cover.*

***Special Welcome to the Members of:***

***Immanuel, Globe***

***and***

***St. John's, Christie***

***who are worshiping with us today!***

***New Year's Day***

***January 1, 2026***

# 75 Father, Let Me Dedicate

CW 93



1 Fa - ther, let me ded - i - cate All this year to you,  
2 Can a child pre - sume to choose Where or how to live?  
3 If in mer - cy you pro - long Joys that now are mine,  
4 If you have for me a cross And its shad - ow come,



In what - e'er my earth - ly state, In what - e'er I do.  
Can a fa - ther's love re - fuse All the best to give?  
If on life se - rene and fair Bright - er rays may shine,  
Turn - ing all my gain to loss, Shroud - ing heart and home,



Not from sor - row, pain, or care Free - dom dare I claim;  
More you give me ev - 'ry day Than the best can claim;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings, You in all pro - claim  
Let me think how your dear Son To his glo - ry came



This a - lone shall be my prayer: Glo - ri - fy your name.  
Help me trust you that I may Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And, what - e'er the fu - ture brings, Glo - ri - fy your name.  
And in deep - est woe pray on: "Glo - ri - fy your name."

Text: Lawrence Tuttiett, 1825–97, alt.

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*(Please stand)*

## **INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD**

P: Let us worship Him who brought us safely through another year.

C: **We praise you, Father.**

P: Let us worship Him who brought us forgiveness throughout another year.

C: **We praise you, Son of God.**

P: Let us worship Him who kept us believers throughout another year.

C: **We praise you, Holy Spirit.**

P: We don't deserve all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servants. So we worship today in the name and to the glory of the only real God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom. Hide your face from my sins, and wipe out all that I have done wrong. Into your hands I entrust my spirit. You have rescued me, O Lord, God of truth. May the words from my mouth and the thoughts from my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

*(Please be seated)*

## 630:5,6 Thy Strong Word

## CW 21



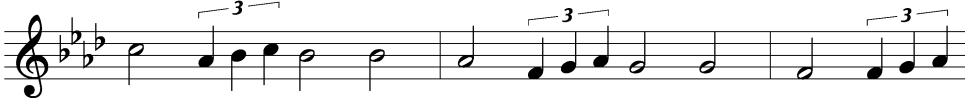
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy  
6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - at - or, to thee



mer - cy to pro - claim, throats to shout the hope that  
laud and hon - or be. To thee, Light from Light be -



fills us, mouths to speak thy ho - ly name.  
got - ten, praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, glo - ry,



light which thou dost send fill our songs with  
glo - ry be to thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!  
now and ev - er praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Numbers 6:22-27***

*<sup>22</sup>The LORD told Moses <sup>23</sup>to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words:*

*<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you.*

*<sup>25</sup>The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*<sup>26</sup>The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.*

*<sup>27</sup>In this way they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.*

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 8

# CW 21

## Refrain



O LORD, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

## Tone



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,  
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,  
a Son of Man that you / care for him? **Refrain**

You have made him a little lower than the / angels  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.  
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;  
you put everything un- / der his feet.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Galatians 3:23-29*

*<sup>23</sup>But before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. <sup>24</sup>So the law was our chaperone until Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a chaperone.*

*<sup>26</sup>In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise.*

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY: *Matthew 1:21***

*Alleluia! She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Alleluia!*

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL READING: *Luke 2:21***

*<sup>21</sup>After eight days passed, when the child was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# 496 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

CW 21



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, name all oth - er names a - bove,  
 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, to the maid - en moth - er told,  
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth to the fall - en here on earth  
 4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, giv - en to the ho - ly Child



un - to which must ev - 'ry knee bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, by the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
 for the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall his peo - ple save."  
 when the cup of hu - man woe first he tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
 under all the mighty heav'n  
 whereby those to sin enslaved  
 burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
 human name of God above;  
 pleading only this, we flee  
 helpless, O our God, to thee.

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 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.  
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## SERMON TEXT: Philippians 2:9-13

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*<sup>12</sup>So then, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed, not only when I was with you, but also now much more in my absence, continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. <sup>13</sup>In fact, it is God who is working in you, both to will and to work, for the sake of his good pleasure.*

### CONTINUE TO LIVE AROUND THE SON

- I. That same old thing continues in heaven.
- II. That same old thing should continue on earth.



**Offering** --*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry, but please use this QR code to fill out a short form giving us a digital record of your attendance.*

*Visitors may also sign the guest register by the drinking fountain.*

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER** *(Please stand)*

P: O merciful heavenly Father, by your grace we enter another new year.

C: **We praise and glorify your holy name.**

P: By your creative power you have sustained our lives and protected us through many dangers.

C: **For your abundant blessings we give you most hearty thanks.**

P: Assured of the forgiveness of our sins through the name of your Son Jesus, we take another step into the future.

C: **Although we do not know what lies ahead, we proceed with confidence, trusting you to be with us.**

P: Whether the year ahead brings sickness or health, poverty or riches, sadness or joy,

C: **we know that you will give us guidance and strength.**

P: In accordance with your will that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

C: **use us to tell the world that you have highly exalted Him above every other name.**

P: To this end bless the witness of your Church on earth.

C: **May the members of our congregation and church body proclaim His name through all the world.**

P: Grant unity, peace, and love to your people that their witness might be accepted with open hearts.

*Special Intercessions*

P: O Lord, grant peace among the nations in the year ahead.

C: **Grant that we may proceed in harmony with the mission you have placed before us.**

P: Assure us that you are with us in all our trials, setbacks, and victories.

C: **This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# 368 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

CW 21



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year with  
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God and  
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; this  
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds the



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
how he shed his in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
name of names for us he bore. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With



thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.

5 With him as Lord to lead our way  
in want and in prosperity,  
what need we fear in earth or space  
in this new year of grace?

6 "All glory be to God on high,  
and peace on earth!" the angels cry.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
another year of grace.

7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline your ear;  
upon our lives rich blessing trace  
in this new year of grace.

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### ***To assist you in worship:***

- ✚ Personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers for assistance.
- ✚ Large-print bulletins available in the entryway.
- ✚ Personal Prayers: Red Hymnal (pp. 10-11); Blue Hymnal (inside front cover)
- ✚ Preparation for Lord's Supper: Red Hymnal (p. 156); Blue Hymnal (pp. 295-296)
- ✚ Luther's Small Catechism: Blue Hymnal (pp. 286-293)

**We love seeing young children in church** as we want families to worship together. We also love to hear children making a "joyful noise to the Lord." If you need some privacy for feeding an infant or changing a diaper, please make use of our parents' room off the north side of the entryway where you can still listen to the service.

**Visitors**, if you would like to know more about our church or school, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

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#### **Worship Schedule**

*Sunday-9:00 a.m.*