

JANUARY 1, 2026

CIRCUMCISION & NAME OF JESUS

**OPENING HYMN**      "O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly"      #897  
Collect of the Day

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**FIRST READING:**      Numbers 6:22-27

**Introit**

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the  
Lord!"

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open  
ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

**SECOND READING:**      Galatians 3:23-29  
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Today we are holding a special service on this first day of the New Year. We will be doing a partial service of the Corporate Confession and Forgiveness, making the statement that in this New Year, we wish to begin washed anew in our baptismal forgiveness (as Luther states in the Small Catechism). In connection to the beginning of the New Year, Pastor Craig again invites you to have your house "blessed" for the coming year. A service found primarily in Roman Catholic & Anglican parishes, this is a simple service where the pastor comes and prays for your house for the coming year. He then marks your door with chalk so that you may recall the prayers said over your home every time you enter. This, "is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in your home, your comings and goings, your conversations, your work and play, your joys and sorrows." If you are interested, please talk with him and set up a time.

Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1872

CRANHAM

Gustav Holst, 1906



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2. Heav - en can - not hold Him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - - - iron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when He comes to reign;  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;  
 If I were a shep - - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
 but His moth - er on - - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet



in the bleak mid - - - - - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God al - might - y, Je - - - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the Be - - - lov - - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give Him: give my heart.

