

Welcome to Vespers for **December 25th, January 1st, 6th and The Baptism of Our Lord of the season of Christmas - Epiphany**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 96 on page 261 and Psalm 100 on page 263**. The hymn is **LBW #52 or Lutheran Service Book (LSB)#900 or LBW 85**.

PSALM 96 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

December 25 - Christmas Day:

In the beginning, before time began, the | Word was God;
today he is born, the Savior | of the world."*

January 1 - The Holy Name of Jesus:

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad be | fore the Lord,
for | he has come.*

January 6 - The Epiphany

He come in splendor the King who | is our peace;
he is supreme over all the | kings of earth.*

The Baptism of Our Lord:

The Father's voice resounded | from the heavens,
This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased; list | en to him.*

¹ Sing to the LORD | a new song;*
sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.

² Sing to the LORD and | bless his name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

³ Declare his glory a- | mong the nations*
and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;*
he is more to be feared | than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;*
but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.

- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;*
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;*
bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;*
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!*"
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo- | ples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all | that is in it;*
let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD | when he comes,*
when he comes to | judge the earth.
- ¹³ He will judge the | world with righteousness*
and the peoples | with his truth.

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PSALM 100 (The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)

ANTIPHON

December 25 - Christmas Day:

Glory to God | in the highest,
And peace to his peo | ple on earth.”*

January 1 - The Holy Name of Jesus:

*The virgin has given birth to the Savior, a flower has sprung from Jesse’s stock, and a star has
ris | en from Jacob;*
O | God, we praise you.*

January 6 - The Epiphany

All the people whom you have | made, O Lord,
will come and wor | ship before you.*

The Baptism of Our Lord:

In the Jordan river our Savior crushed the | serpent’s head
and wrested us free | from his grasp.*

¹ Be joyful in the LORD, | all you lands;*
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence | with a song.

² Know this: The LORD him- | self is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep | of his pasture.

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his | courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call up- | on his name.

⁴ For the LORD is good; his mercy is | everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from | age to age.

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This hymn is sung on December 25 - Christmas Day.

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with



come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our



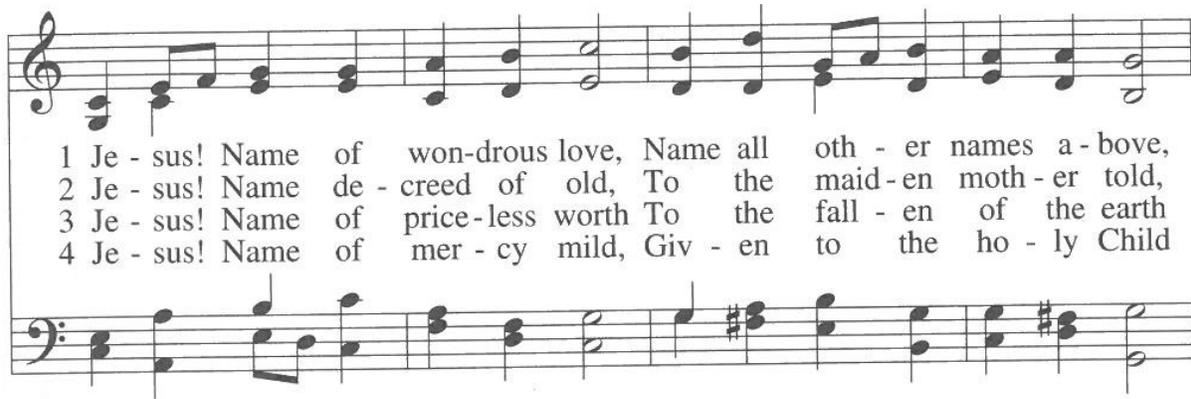
soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

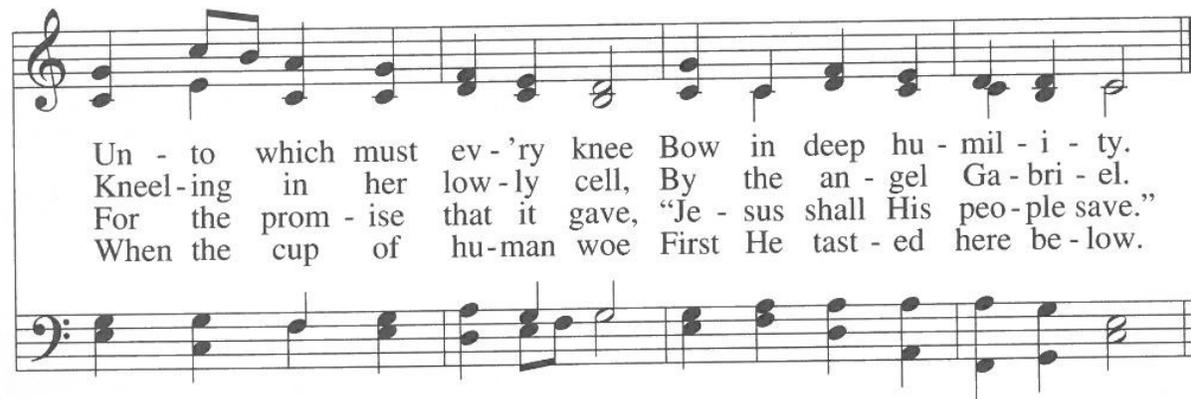
This hymn is sung on January 1 - The Holy Name of Jesus.

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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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 of the 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.

On the eighth day after His birth, Jesus was circumcised according to the Mosaic Law (Ex. 13:12-13) and was given the name "Jesus," which means "He saves."

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.;
setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Acts 4:12; Matt. 1:21; Acts 10:43; Phil. 2:9-11

This hymn is sung on January 6 - The Epiphany of Our Lord and the Baptism of Our Lord

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King Her - od
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 For this his glad e - piph - a - ny, all glo - ry



trem-bled for his throne; but he who of - fers heav'n - ly
on his guid - ing star; by light their way to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
un - to Je - sus be; whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, c. 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533