

3. **Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth**
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."

- a. ^{NAS} **Romans 3:23** "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."
- b. ^{NIV} **Matthew 1:21** "...give him the **name Jesus**, because he will save his people from their sins."

4. **Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child**
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.

- a. ^{NIV} **Luke 1:32** "...He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."
- b. ^{NIV} **Genesis 17:11** "...You are to undergo circumcision..."

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. ^{NAS} **Acts 4:12** "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is **no other name** under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

6. **Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above**;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee. ^{NIV} **John 20:31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Conclusion: **JESUS! He is worthy!** Along with the four living creatures, the twenty-four elders, and countless angels, let us say both now and forevermore: ^{NIV} **Revelation 5:12** "**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**"
And all God's people said: *Amen!*

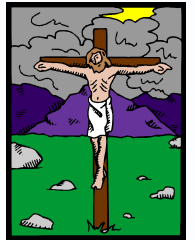
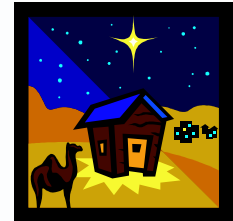
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Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love



Based on: Lutheran Service Book 900;
Acts 4:12; Matthew 1:21; Acts 10:43;
Philippians 2:9-11; Other Passages

Eve of the Name of Jesus
New Year's Eve – 2010
December 31 ► at 6:00



Introduction: Dear friends in Jesus Christ, 2010 comes to a close with *joy and sadness*, but also with *relief and optimism!*

- Joy – *as we reflect on God's blessings!*
- Sadness – *as we remember a time of great difficulty or the death of a loved one!*
- Relief – *as we know, according to God's certain promises, that our sins are forgiven through Jesus!*
- Optimism – *as we know God loves us, will provide our needs, and has a definite purpose for our lives!*

Tonight is New Year's Eve, but it is also **the Eve of the Name of Jesus**. In other words, tomorrow will be the eighth day after December 25th. That is significant because the Bible says: ^{NIV} **Luke 2:21** "On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise [the child born to Mary], he was named **Jesus**, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived."

The name "**JESUS**" is of GREAT SIGNIFICANCE; therefore, *on this evening before He was named*, we focus on the words of

the hymn: **“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love,”** which was written by **William W. How:**

- He was born in England in 1823, the son of a lawyer. After attending Oxford, he was ordained as an Anglican clergyman in 1846.
- Five times he was invited to become a bishop, but he turned down each chance as well as offers of other important church positions. Finally, in 1879, he agreed to be an assistant bishop with oversight over poverty-stricken East London. That is where he became known as “the poor man's bishop,” although, because of his love of children, he was also known as “the children's bishop.”
- In addition to his pastoral work, William How ✦ produced several books, ✦ published many of his sermons, and ✦ wrote more than 50 hymns.¹ Five are included in our Lutheran Service Book, including:
 - For All the Saints, LSB 677
 - We Give Thee But Thine Own, LSB 781
 - Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love, LSB 900

We now turn our attention to ✦ *the words of that hymn* and ✦ *the Bible passages upon which they are based:*

Jesus Being Circumcised and Named:

The OT Command: ^{NIV} **Genesis 17:9** Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.¹⁰ This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.¹¹ You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.¹² For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised...”

An Angel of the Lord said to Joseph about Mary:

^{NIV} **Matthew 1:21** “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.”

Jesus: ^{NIV} **Luke 2:21** On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

1. Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above, Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.

^{NIV} **Philippians 2:9** “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

2. Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told, Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.

- a. ^{NIV} **Acts 10:43** “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
- b. ^{NIV} **Luke 1:30** ...the angel [Gabriel] said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.”

¹ <http://www.christianhistorytimeline.com/DAILYF/2001/08/daily-08-10-2001.shtml>