

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(LSB 733)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-3 (antiphon: 124:8)

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
C Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
P His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
C The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
C 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.
P Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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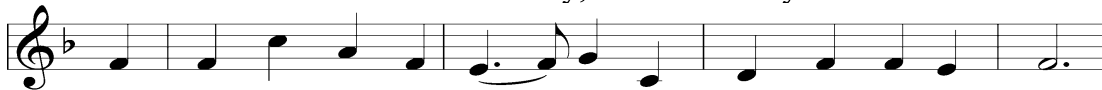


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the New Year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 30:15-17

(Return to the Lord)

¹⁵ For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, ¹⁶ and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31b-39

(Nothing can separate us from Christ)

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

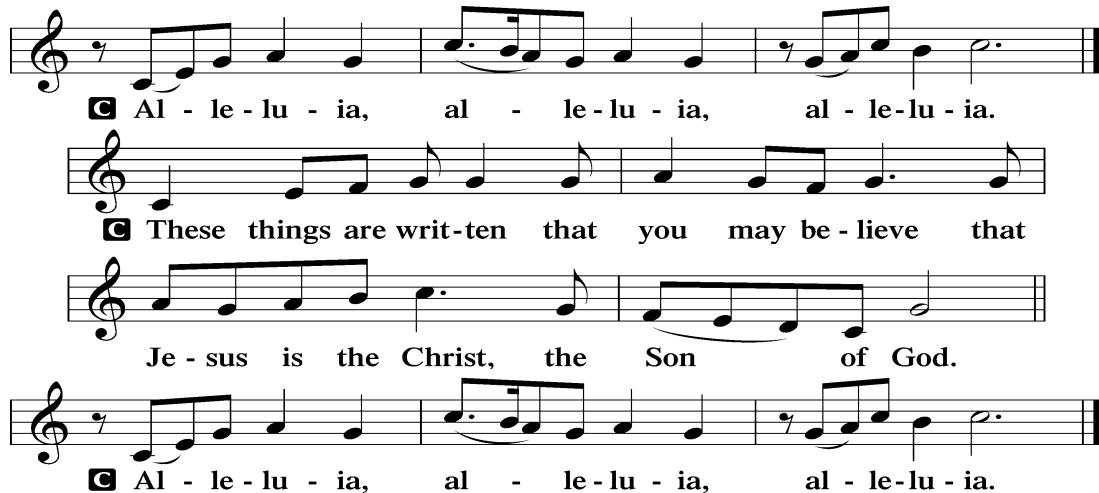
³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-40

(The Son of Man is coming)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

"Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

(LSB 899)

SERMON

(Romans 8:31b-39)

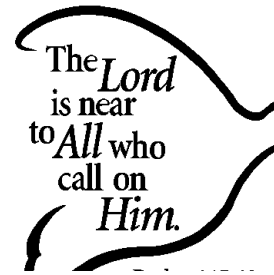
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SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

P O Lord, You created all things and filled all time and space with Your mercy and grace. Give to us now the faith to acknowledge that our times lie in Your hands that we live without fear the days You give us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All that exists is sustained by Your power, O Lord. Give us wisdom that we number our days and apply our hearts in wisdom to the things that matter. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach Your Word without compromise and call the unbelieving to faith and comfort the believing, that in all things Christ be glorified and we be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You rule all things, O Lord, and those to whom You have entrusted governance are accountable to You. Give to us wise leaders who will hear and heed Your Word, protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end, and defend us against all our enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As You have given us so many and great blessings, O Lord, give us also a grateful heart to receive Your goodness and use Your gifts wisely. Accept from our mouths the song of

praise and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P From Your grace comes the bread that nourishes our bodies and the Bread of Life that feeds us eternal life. Help us, through repentance and faith, to receive Christ's flesh and blood so that this Communion may nurture us body and soul to everlasting life by the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You are the hope of the troubled, the rest of the dying, and the healer of the sick, O God of grace. Hear us now for those afflicted in body or spirit, that they be sustained through the day of trouble and granted comfort, patience, and perfect healing through Christ, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your mercies are new every morning, and Your Word is our lamp and our light. Help us so to walk in Your ways that in time of persecution and threat we be steadfast in faith. Guide us, Father, through the uncertainties and anxieties we meet, with the confidence that if we are Yours, we have nothing to fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

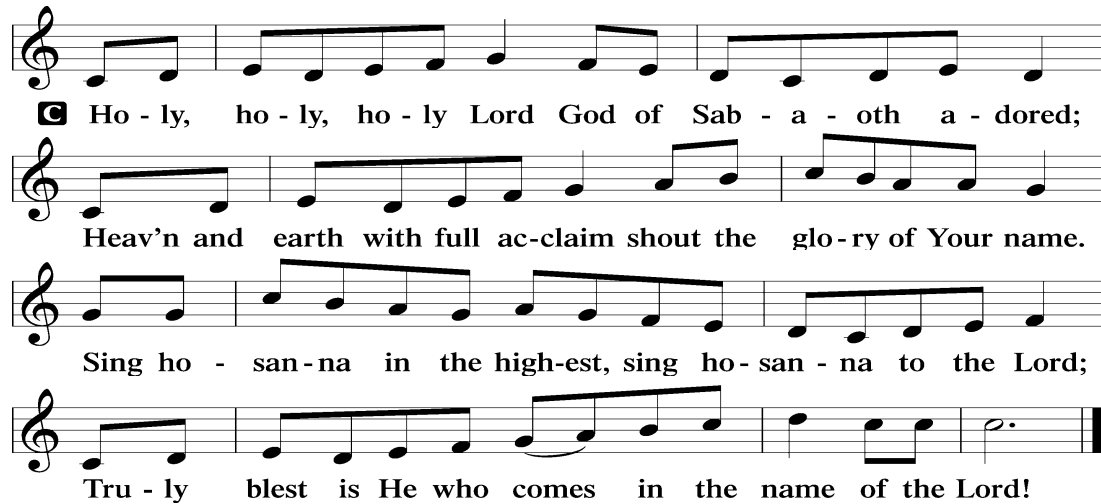
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" (LSB 900)
"Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow" (LSB 880)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho now, shall ev lo - ry of Your
i - une name re -
peo - ple, Is - ra - el.
sound - ing ter - ni - ty.



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

(LSB 883)

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AS WE GATHER Fear has become an unwelcome companion in this mortal life and even more over the past few years. As the world pauses to end a year and begin a new one, we are forced to come face-to-face with those fears. By God's grace and favor, we know all that the Lord has done to make us His own and to enable us to live under Him now and to be His in eternity. If this gracious God is for us, then, as Paul asks, who can be against us? We do not need to know what lies in wait for our earthly future if we know the heavenly future we have in Christ. Because God is for us, we have an answer to our fears and live out our days in confidence that we are more than conquerors through Christ, our Lord.

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us. Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us. LSB 390:4

Join us tomorrow, Sunday, January 1, 2023 for worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am. First Sunday Fellowship will be on January 8, 2023 between services hosted by Faith Circle.



Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God
and our Savior Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13 KJV