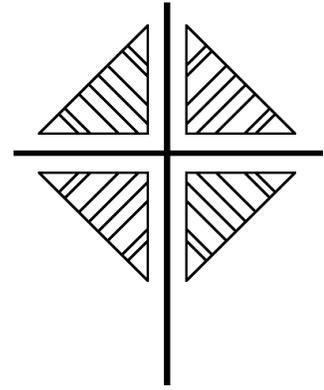


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**NEW YEAR'S EVE GOSPEL MUSIC SERVICE**  
**December 30/31, 2017**

**OPENING HYMN**                      **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**                      *LSB 549, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7*

**INVOCATION**    *(Please stand)*

**Pastor:**        In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:**        The new year gives us a time for pause and reflection. A good way for us to reflect is to use God's own Word as a mirror, to show us ourselves as we look according to God's Law.

                    We're going to use the Catechism to help us reflect and repent. I'll read the commandment and the question "What does this mean?" You'll respond with the explanation to confess our sins according to each commandment.

                    The First Commandment—You shall have no other gods. What does this mean?

**People:**        **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things..**

**Pastor:**        The Second Commandment—You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?

**People:**        **We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

**Pastor:**        The Third Commandment—Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?

**People:**        **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

**Pastor:**        The Fourth Commandment—Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?

**People:**        **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

**Pastor:**        The Fifth Commandment—You shall not murder. What does this mean?

**People:**        **We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

Pastor: The Sixth Commandment—You shall not commit adultery.  
What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

Pastor: The Seventh Commandment—You shall not steal. What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

Pastor: The Eighth Commandment—You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

Pastor: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments are both about coveting. We'll take them together. The Ninth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

Pastor: The Tenth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean?

**People: We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

Pastor: When we use these Ten Commandments and their explanations to reflect on our past year and look ahead to the next, we find that we are truly sinful and that we need to confess these sins to God, our heavenly Father.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Having confessed our sins together, we now hear the Epistle lesson, from Romans, chapter 8:

“If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? *(continued...)*

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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."

Nothing, not even our sin when it's acknowledged and confessed, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. As Paul says, God gave up His Son for us all. He died and rose again. He has ascended and is now interceding at His Father's right hand. In this same Jesus Christ, in the forgiveness that comes through Him alone, we are more than conquerors.

In this way, we can enter the new year, not dragging our burdens of sin with us, but free through Him who gives us strength.

With this in mind, receive the absolution of your sins: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

**(Please be seated)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" LSB 378, vv. 2 & 3**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *(In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.)* **Isaiah 30:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. <sup>9</sup>For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; <sup>10</sup>who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, <sup>11</sup>leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel." <sup>12</sup>Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, <sup>13</sup>therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; <sup>14</sup>and its breaking is like that of a potter's

vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." <sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**     *Psalm 90:1–12 (read responsively)*

**Pastor:** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

**People:** **You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

**Pastor:** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

**People:** **For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

**Pastor:** For all our days pass away under Your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**People:** **Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You? So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**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.**

**(Please stand)****HOLY GOSPEL**     *(Be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.)*     **Luke 12:35–40**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,  
<sup>36</sup>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.  
<sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and

finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Please be seated****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY****“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

LSB 515

**SERMON****“KEEP YOUR LIGHT SHINING”**

Luke 12:35-40

*The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Nirva***CREED/HYMN****“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

LSB 507, vv. 1 &amp; 4

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Together, let us pray:

**People: 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. Amen**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us to do and has freely promised to hear us.

(After each petition, the Pastor will say, “Lord, in Your mercy” and the **Congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer.”**)

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING** *(Please fill out Friendship Pads; Ushers will collect them)*

**OFFERTORY HYMN****“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my hands and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love,

At the impulse of Thy love.

4. Take my will and make it Thine,

It shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own,

It shall be Thy royal throne,

It shall be Thy royal throne.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Him, the light of the world, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, including our dear ones in Your gracious keeping, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:

**HYMN OF PRAISE****“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

1. Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. (*Softer: Shine on me.*)
2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. (*Softer: Shine on me.*)
3. As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness.  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. (**Louder: Shine on me.**) *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD****PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and hear us as we pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER***(See inside back cover of hymnal)***PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Welcome to the Lord's Table.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"God Loves Me Dearly"** LSB 392

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** LSB 361, vv. 3 & 4

**"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: **Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that, strengthened thereby, we share Your name in all that we do in our daily living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** God Almighty—the Father, who is ever with us and for us, the ☩ Son, who reveals to us God's grace, mercy, and love in all of our years, and the Holy Spirit, who guides us in ways of peace and faithfulness—bless you now and forevermore.

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN****"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"***LSB 390, vv. 1 & 4***MATTER OF IMPORTANCE**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Leading Worship**

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**Music** Amelia Pemrick, Char Scurry, violins; Barb Mrosko, piano

**Elders** 5:30 – Robert Pitt, 8:00 – Brian Fuchs, 10:30 – George Raab

**Worship Assistants** 5:30 – Mark Prieve, 8:00 – Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman,  
10:30 – Dave Malmanger, Edward Morison

**Ushers** 5:30 – Mitch & Jane Miller, AJ Miller,  
8:00 – Chuck Eastman, Steve Denninger, Ron Zeise, Al Spitzack  
10:30 – Wayne Nelson, Brad Twedt, Bob Reichert, Neal Weeg

**Lay Lectors** 5:30 – Mark Remold, 10:30 – Vivian Hagre

**Greeters** 5:30 – Donna Rae Schultz, Joyce Mueller,  
8:00 – Dwight & Ruth Hildebrandt, Tammy Schwichtenberg,  
10:30 – Marilynn Nelson, Hub & Diane Cloeter

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