

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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10:30 AM

Through the prophet Isaiah, God calls all to awaken and listen to His saving Word, to hold it sacred, and to gladly hear and learn it. For only then can we be assured of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In God's Word alone do we remain awake and "dressed for action," our lamp of faith burning, awake and ready for our entrance into the eternal joy of the day of resurrection and eternal life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "In Thee Is Gladness" LSB 818

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen**

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glorify Thy Name” *(The Other Song Book, p. 49)*

1. Father, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

2. Jesus,...

3. Spirit,...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: **O God, all our times are in Your hands. You have created us and given us the gift of life, of health and daily bread. Above all, by water and Your mighty Word, You give us the forgiveness of sins and the new birth of the Spirit by which we call You Father. We commit to Your mercy, and forgiveness the year that is now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times to come. Father in heaven, keep us steadfast in Your Word. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, who keeps us in the faith. Amen**

(Be Seated)**OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 30:8–17***

⁸And 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. ⁹For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; ¹⁰who 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, ¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.” ¹²Therefore thus says

(A rebellious people)

the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, ¹³therefore 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; ¹⁴and 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.” *(continued...)*

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present

nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:35–40 (You must be ready.)

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

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

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

in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You 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 be to You, O Christ.

CREED Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

(Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Jeff Evenmo

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus, Name Above All Names” LSB 970

1 Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessèd Redeemer, living Word.

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SERMON *The Rev. Gatluk Reat*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Together we pray as our Savior has taught us:

People: **The Lord's Prayer**
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 ☐

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, in whom all our days are made holy by His abiding presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing...

HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” vv. 1,3,5,6

1. O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
3. For Jesus is our Savior; For Jesus is our Savior;
For Jesus is our Savior, Christ the Lord.
5. We kneel in adoration; We kneel in adoration;
We kneel in adoration. Christ the Lord.
6. O praise Him, alleluia! O praise Him, alleluia!
O praise Him, alleluia! Christ, the Lord.

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Pastor: Together we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, confident that we receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus’ words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, we require that those who receive the Lord’s Supper share in the beliefs that we hold. So, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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: Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing
 To hear the news the angels bring,
 On Christmas night all Christians sing
 To hear the news the angels bring,
 News of great joy, news of great mirth,
 News of our merciful King’s birth.

2. When sin departs before Thy grace,
 Then life and health come in its place,
 When sin departs before Thy grace,
 Then life and health come in its place;
 Angels and men with joy may sing,
 All for to see the newborn King.

3. From out of darkness we have light,
 Which made the angels sing this night,
 From out of darkness we have light,
 Which made the angels sing this night:
 “Glory to God and peace to men
 Now and forevermore. Amen.”

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“To God be the Glory”

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the earth hear His voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
 Let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son
 And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
 The vilest offender who truly believes,
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (*Refrain:*)

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
 And great our rejoicing thro’ Jesus the Son,
 But purer and higher and greater will be
 Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain:*)

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“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” LSB 358, vv. 1,3,8,13,15

(After Communion is over, please stand)

DISMISSAL

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**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear the prayers of Your Church throughout the coming year that we, being delivered from all adversities and serving You with a quiet mind, may enjoy Your peace all the days of our life; 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 *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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.

In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** *LSB 733*

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Wishing you a Blessed New Year!