

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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5:30 PM

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

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 **2 Kings 5:1-19a**

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. ⁶And he brought

the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

(continued...)

⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." ¹⁶But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. ¹⁷Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mules' load of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. ¹⁸In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." ¹⁹He said to him, "Go in peace."

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

PSALM *Psalm 90:1–12*

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!

People: 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:

People: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Pastor: For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed.

People: 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.

(continued...)

People: 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.

Pastor: Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the

People: 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.**

Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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)**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 “GOD’S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE” *The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein***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: **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

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!