

## **New Year's Eve**

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**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Green Bay, Wisconsin**

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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.  
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold** print.

## Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

**Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

## Pre-service Music

 HYMN "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" - LSB #896

## INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

So teach us to number our days.

**Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 90:1, 12a, 14a; 124:8*

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.

**Amen.**

## i INTROIT PSALMODY *Psalm 124:8; Psalm 98:1-3*



Our help is in the name | of the Lord,  
who made | heaven and earth.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done mar- | velous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

The Lord has made know His sal- | vation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**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.**

### **GLORIA PATRI (LSB p. 186)**

♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

### **KYRIE**

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB p. 187)**

Glory be to God on high:

♪ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

♪ And with your spirit.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

¶ **Amen.**

## + SCRIPTURES +



### Old Testament

**Isaiah 30:15-17**

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, 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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM Psalm 90:1-6, 9-10, 12, 14-17

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Men:** *Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world,*

**Women:** *from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.*

You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

**All:** *For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning-

**Women:** *though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.*

**Men:** **The length of our days is seventy years-or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Men:** **Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**Women:** ***Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.***

May Your deeds be shown to Your servants, Your splendor to their children.

**All:** **May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us- yes, establish the work of our hands.**

## Epistle

**Romans 8:31-39**

What then shall we say to these things? 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?

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. The steadfast love of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting on those who ear him. *Ps. 103:17a*  
**Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter:  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:35-40**

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 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. 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. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN:            "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" - LSB #733

ALL:            1. O God, our Help in ages past,  
                  Our Hope for years to come,  
                  Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
                  And our eternal Home!

                  2. Under the shadow of Thy throne  
                  Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
                  Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
                  And our defense is sure.

Lectern side:    3. Before the hills in order stood  
                  Or earth received her frame,  
                  From everlasting Thou art God,  
                  To endless years the same.

Pulpit side:     4. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
                  Are like an evening gone,  
                  Short as the watch that ends the night  
                  Before the rising sun.

ALL:            5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
                  Bears all its sons away;  
                  They fly forgotten as a dream  
                  Dies at the opening day.

                  6. Our God, our Help in ages past,  
                  Our Hope for years to come,  
                  Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
                  And our eternal Home!



THE MESSAGE:    Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering



## OFFERTORY

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The melody is primarily in the soprano range. The lyrics are as follows:

C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy presence; and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store un - to me the joy of  
Thy sal- va - tion; and up- hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### + SACRAMENT + (LSB p. 194)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.  
¶ And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.  
¶ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
¶ It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)

¶ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
¶ Amen.

## AGNUS DEI (LSB p. 198)

¶ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Across the Sky the Shades of Night” - LSB #899

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” - LSB #361

## NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB p. 199)

¶ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation;  
which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

¶ And His mercy endureth forever.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ Amen.

The Lord be with you.

¶ And with thy spirit

Bless we the Lord.

♪ **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**HYMN:**     “Let Us All With Gladsome Voice” - *LSB* #390

1.     **Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.**
2.     **To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**
3.     **We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.**
4.     **O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!**

## **Postlude**

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