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Dear Sisters and Brothers at Christ Lutheran;

Happy New Year!

Perhaps not the exuberant celebrations of other years, but New Year's nonetheless. Farewell 2020 – a year like no other; roll on 2021 – what lies in store for us – do we dare hope, imagine or dream...?

Thank you to all of you, for your continued faithfulness. Your ongoing offerings have helped us meet expenses, and your verbal responses to our online worship have encouraged and inspired. And, in this otherness, we have discovered new joys and wonder in the ability of technology to create a worshipful experience.

We give thanks for the arrival of vaccines, as we prepare for a year of re-building our lives. And in the spirit of old and new, may the following words of hymn written in 1642 speak to you at this time:

The Old Year Now Away Is Fled (Tune: Greensleeves 'What Child is This')

*The name-day now of Christ we keep, Who for our sins did often weep;
His hands and feet were wounded deep, and his blessed side, with a spear.
His head they crowned then with thorn, and at him they did laugh and scorn,
Who for to save our souls was born; God send us a happy New Year!*

*The old year now away is fled, The new year it is entered;
Then let us all our sins down tread, And joyfully all appear.
Let's merry be this day, And let us run with sport and play,
Hang sorrow, let's cast care away - God send us a merry new year!*

Rev. Patricia Giannelia,
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