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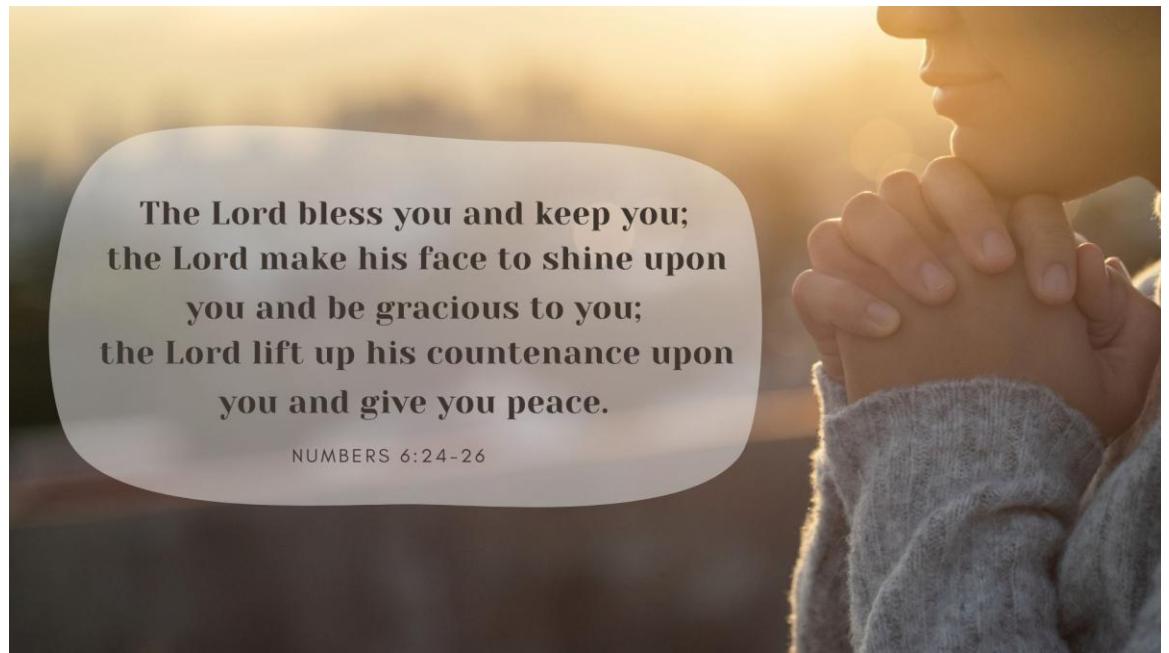
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New Year's Eve



**The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon  
you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon  
you and give you peace.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26

**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

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† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 90 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder**

*LSB 383*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

### **Invocation**

*We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

- ¶ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

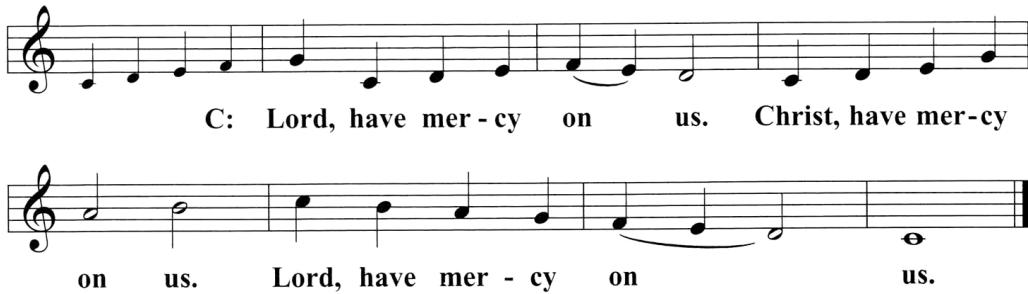
### **Confession and Absolution**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- ¶ We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- ¶ God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

**Kyrie** Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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Music notation for Kyrie. The first line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy" are written below the notes. The second line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." are written below the notes.

**Gloria in Excelsis** Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."

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Music notation for Gloria in Excelsis. The first line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise; 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord," are written below the notes. The second line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. You bore for us the load of this world's sin. At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:" are written below the notes. The third line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise, O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored," are written below the notes. The fourth line shows a treble clef, a common time signature, and a melody consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King. Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in. With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy." are written below the notes.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

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, dwell among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name, dear Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

### ***Psalm 90 (selected verses - RESPONSIVE - NKJV)***

**P** 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,

**C** **Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

**P** You turn man to destruction, And say,

**C** **"Return, O children of men."**

**P** For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past,

**C** **And like a watch in the night.**

**P** The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

**C** **Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.**

**P** Who knows the power of Your anger?

**C** **For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.**

**P** So teach us to number our days,

**C** **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

**P** Return, O LORD! How long?

**C** **And have compassion on Your servants.**

**P** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

**C** **That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!**

**P** Let Your work appear to Your servants,

**C** **And Your glory to their children.**

- P** And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us,  
**C** **And establish the work of our hands for us;**  
**Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

## Second Reading

**James 1:16-21 (EHV)**

- P** The second reading is from James 1:16-21.  
**C** **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. <sup>18</sup> Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

<sup>19</sup> Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. <sup>20</sup> Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. <sup>21</sup> So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

## Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

**I believe 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 there 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.**

**Hymn of the Day: 733 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*LSB 733*

**Sermon Text: Numbers 6:22-27 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: <sup>24</sup> "The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' <sup>27</sup> "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

**Sermon Theme: The LORD's Blessings in the New Year**

- † What is so unique and special about this blessing? (v. 24-26)
  
- † What confidence does this blessing give us in the New Year, and throughout our lives? (v. 27)

## Offertory

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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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Sermon Hymn: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

LSB 896

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

## 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.

## Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.  
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who has given us the greatest gift through the incarnation of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## The Words of Institution

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

### Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im - part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus - tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

### The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

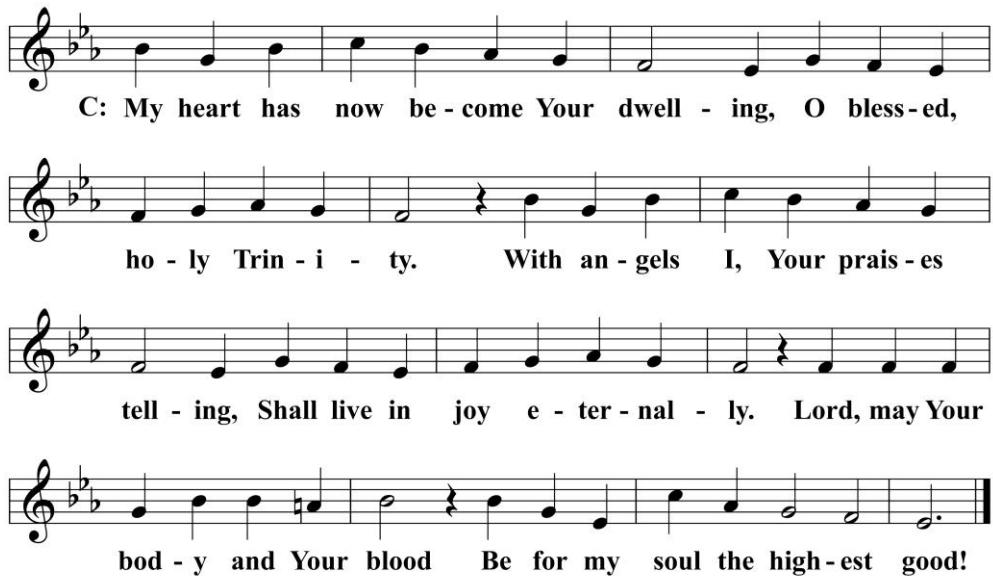
### Communion Hymns: 622 LSB; 618 LSB

## O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimitius*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your the ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the be - Gen - tiles, Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your -  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

▣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## The Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

**Closing Hymn: "Now the Year Has Gone Away"** *(Adapted from Hymn 887 LSB – with responsive Scripture readings)*

- P** "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
**C** **I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand'" (Isaiah 41:10)**

**♪ Now the year has gone away; Father listen while I pray,  
Asking Thee in this New Year, Oh, please watch and keep me near.**

- P** "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob." (Malachi 3:6)  
**C** **"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."**  
**(2 Timothy 2:13)**

**♪ Jesus, Savior, wash away All my sins. O Lord, I pray,  
Help me every day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.**

**P** The LORD *is* your keeper; The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

**C** **The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore. (Psalm 121:5-8)**

**♪ Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee.  
Oh, bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.**

**P** The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

**C** **The LORD *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.  
(Psalm 118:6, 14)**

**♪ Now my New Year praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!**

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**♪ Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.**

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## Announcements



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this evening.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

This Sunday: *Epiphany Sunday*

1/4/26 **Choir – 8am**

**Worship w/ Communion – 9am**

**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**