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# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## New Year's Eve

### December 31, 2021

### 6:00 PM

+ Service of Holy Communion +  
Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

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**AS WE GATHER** - In various communities throughout the world, New Year's Eve is referred to as "Watch Night." It is not uncommon to find followers of Jesus gather in homes and in churches on this night to "keep watch" and pray as one year ends and another year arrives. Some say that these traditions date back to December 31, 1862, when enslaved Christians trimmed their lamps and, with great anticipation, waited for the clock to strike midnight. At the stroke of midnight, the Emancipation Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln went into effect, and many slaves would celebrate their newfound freedom. As we gather with fellow believers tonight, we reflect on the year that is nearly over and the one that is soon to begin. Just as our gracious Savior was faithful in the past, He will remain with us in the coming year. Let us also keep watch and, with great anticipation, be ready for His appearing and the salvation He comes to bring.

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### "Still, Still, Still"

by Paul Manz

[♩Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

## ♩ OPENING HYMN

### Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** the light no darkness can overcome.

**P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C** and the day is almost over.

**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness

**C** and illumine Your Church.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ~~F~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

## PSALM

Psalm 141

**P** *O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!*

**C** **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

**P** *Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,*

**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

**P** *Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;*

**C** **keep watch over the door of my lips!**

**P** *Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity,*

**C** **and let me not eat of their delicacies!**

**P** *But my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my Lord; in You I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!*

**C** **Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers!**

**P** *Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.*

**All: 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.**

**P** *O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!*

**C** **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *A Great and Mighty Wonder*

LSB 383



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:  
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,  
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,  
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,  
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,

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The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!  
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

*Refrain*



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *The Lord be with you.*      **G** **And also with you.**

**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** 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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 30:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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.

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **G** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 8:31b–39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>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? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

<sup>36</sup>As it is written,

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

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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.

**A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:35-40**

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.*

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Across the Sky the Shades of Night*

LSB 899



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -  
3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your  
4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your  
5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In  
dress - ing. Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And  
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our  
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past  
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last  
all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this  
grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our  
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,  
mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,  
 com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear  
 strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day  
 as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,  
 ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife



Once more Your love en - treat - ing.  
 And crown us with Your bless - ing.  
 Of sor - row and re - vers - es.  
 The joys of heav - en shar - ing.  
 When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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**SERMON**

**"IN THE NAME OF JESUS"**

**Luke 2:21**

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**☑ 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 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 worshipped 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.**

**OFFERING**

**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

**by Carl Schalk**

**♩ OFFERTORY**

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**LSB 733**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** *In peace let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For all leaders in our family of faith, and for all who proclaim the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For our country, for all nations of the world, and for all who lead and govern us in the new year that is soon to come, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For those who work to bring peace to the troubled, justice to the oppressed, and freedom to the captives, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For our families and our children, for our loved ones wherever they may be, that they rest in our Savior's constant care, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:*

**C** **Alleluia.**

**P** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**P** *Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us keep watch and commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:*

**C** **To You, O Lord. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness as we keep watch for Your reappearing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C** Amen.*

## PREFACE

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
2 Sing ho - san - na, saints a - bove;

God by the high - est hosts a - dored,  
With the an - gels, sing God's love.

Heav'n and earth Your glo - ry sing;  
Blest is He, the com - ing One;

With them we our prais - es bring.  
God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**P** *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

**G** **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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

**G** **Amen.**

### ♩ AGNUS DEI

### *O Lamb of God, Our Savior*



O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, All sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, And grant us peace, we pray.



Re - joice we at Your birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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**Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.**



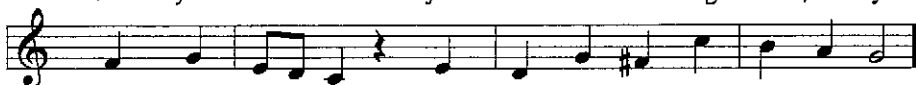
**Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior**



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which  
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is  
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not  
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and  
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my  
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and  
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of  
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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**When Peace, Like A River**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

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It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** *Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You Have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

**G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** *Thanking God for His faithfulness in the year now past, let us enter into the New Year confident of His blessing: The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

**G** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

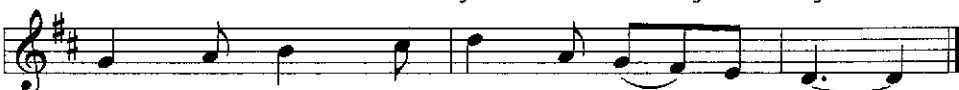
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1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With  
 2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And  
 3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This  
 4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
 how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
 Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With  
 vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
 thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
 thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
 thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.

5. With Him as Lord to lead our way  
 In want and in prosperity,  
 What need we fear in earth or space  
 In this new year of grace!

6. "All glory be to God on high,  
 And peace on earth! The angels cry.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
 Another year of grace.

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**7. God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline Your ear;  
Upon our lives rich blessing trace  
In this new year of grace.**

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Born is He the Divine Christ Child"*

**by Patricia Lou Harris**

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