

# *New Year's Eve*

December 31, 2025; 7:00 pm

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn: "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice" (LSB #390)

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: **Teach me Your paths.**

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: **Your Word is truth.**

P: In Your Word, O Lord You teach us

C: **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Collect for the New Year

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: "Across the Sky the Shades of Night" (LSB #899)

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 NIV

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:31-39 NIV

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:35-40 NIV

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## Apostles' Creed

Sermon Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (LSB #733)

Sermon

Offering from God's People

### Prayer of the Church

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| P: O Lord,                             | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: O Christ,                           | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: O Lord,                             | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: O Christ,                           | C: <b>hear us.</b>             |
| P: God the Father in heaven,           | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: God the Holy Spirit,                | C: <b>have mercy.</b>          |
| P: Be gracious to us.                  | C: <b>Spare us, good Lord.</b> |
| P: Be gracious to us.                  | C: <b>Help us, good Lord.</b>  |
- P: From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From plague and famine; from war and bloodshed; from civil unrest and from rebellion;  
From lightning and storms; from all disasters by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and suffering; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C: **Help us, good Lord.**
- P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C: **Help us, good Lord.**
- P: We poor sinners implore You
- C: **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
To put an end to all divisions and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P: To give to all peoples unity and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our government and all our people;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger, need, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free the oppressed; and to have mercy on us all:
- C: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the good fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: **we implore You to hear us.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C: **have mercy.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C: **have mercy.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, C: **grant us Your peace.**

P: O Christ, C: **hear us.**

P: O Lord, C: **have mercy.**

P: O Christ, C: **have mercy.**

P: O Lord, C: **have mercy. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9ff

Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

1. "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (LSB #393)
2. "What Child Is This" (LSB #370)

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Me" (LSB #878)

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