

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

New Year's Eve Service December 31, 2023 – 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Rev. James Woelmer

Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music

> NEW YEAR'S EVE (Series B)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

As the world around us gathers this evening for a grand celebration, what are they celebrating? Is the advancing of a digit on the calendar necessarily such a happy thing? Behind all the noise, God has something to say, and it is relevant no matter the date or the age. But who is listening? It is the way of the world even in all of us to despise preaching and God's Word in favor of invented excuses or illusions. Through the prophet Isaiah, God calls all this night to awaken and listen to the His saving Word, to hold it sacred, and to gladly hear and learn it. For only then can we be assured of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In God's Word alone do we remain awake and "dressed for action," our lamp of faith burning, awake and ready for our entrance into the eternal joy of the day of resurrection and eternal life.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

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. *Luke* 12:35–36

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

₩ PREPARATION

899 ACROSS THE SKY THE SHADES OF NIGHT



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Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATIONLSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut 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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

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

ABSOLUTION LSB 203

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

₩ Word ₩

INTROIT

Psalm 98:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 124:8

- P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P The LORD has made known his salvation;
- he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 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 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- who made heaven and earth.

KYRIE LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 204

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us 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, 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:15-17

(A rebellious people.)

15 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, 16 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.
17 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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 90:12, 14*

- **L** Teach us to number our days
- that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- L Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
- that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:31b-39*

(God's everlasting love.)

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He 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? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who 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. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

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

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

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE C Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

al -

le-lu-ia,

al - le-lu - ia.

C Al - le - lu - ia,

HOLY GOSPELLuke 12:35-40

(You must be ready.)

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

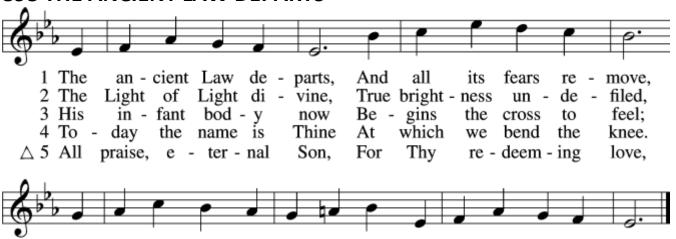
G Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

898 THE ANCIENT LAW DEPARTS



For Je - sus makes with faith - ful hearts A cov - e - nant of love. He bears for us the pain of sin, Α ho - ly, spot-less child. Those pre-cious drops of blood that flow For death the vic-tim seal. They call Thee Je - sus, child di-vine; Our Je - sus deign to be. With Fa-ther, Spir - it, ev - er one In glo-rious might a - bove.

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Please Be Seated

SERMON

VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

- 1. A basket is available in the narthex as you exit.
- 2. Please **send** your offerings to

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3. Give through our website:

https://stlukesmanhattan.org
/about-us/financial-support/

4. Electronic Funds Transfer - Sign up through the church office.

A REMINISCENCE OF THE YEAR OF OUR LORD - 2023

Each year marks milestones and turning points in the lives of the people of God within this congregation. Babies have been born and born again in the waters of Holy Baptism. Young people who have diligently studied the truth of God's Word have confirmed their resolve to remain faithful to the doctrine of our church throughout their lives. God, in His infinite wisdom and love, has called a number of His saints home to live with Him in heaven. This Year of Our Lord, 2023, has been a time of great blessing for all of us. We recall and give thanks for those blessings now by enumerating the baptism, confirmations, and funerals which have taken place during the past twelve months.

BAPTISMS

Hayden Jo Berg – March 5
Casey James Millering – March 19
Carson Cash Sanders – March 19
Daxton Louis Rengstorf – April 15
Jack Gray DeBoer Schotte – June 11
Kolter Charles Barber – June 11
Braxton Wayne Lohse – June 11
Elizabeth AnneMarie Ahlgrim – June 18
Elizabeth June Schurle – July 23
Cohen Karl Hagenmaier – September 30
Cooper Paul Dobie – November 12
Everly Marie Banks – November 12
Isla Rose Benne – December 25

CONFIRMANDS

April 2

Braeden Douglas Kraemer Riley Elizabeth Lynch Colin James Olesky Hannah Rose Schmidt Payton Leith Sturdy

SAINTS

Randy E. Wyatt – January 8

Tracy L. Ivy – February 11

Gary Francis Bergmeier – February 3

Carolyn Valerius – July 23

Betty Joyce Gehrt – August 7

Darleen Emma Moormann – December 6

Stand

NICENE CREED

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Almighty and eternal God, all praise, honor, and glory be to You for Your glorious and good act of creating us and all things, Your daily provision of all we need to sustain life, and the gift of deliverance to an eternal inheritance in the world to come. Help all people to come in repentance and faith to the rejection of all that is false and to the praise of You as the only true God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O faithful God, all time rests in Your hands; nothing exists apart from Your promise or Your power; help us trust in You for all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- When sin had stolen us from You, You sought us out through the voice of the prophets, until Your own Son took on our flesh and blood to visit us with Your mercy and grace; guide us to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Help us not only to rejoice in His saving name but to call on His name in time of trouble; we pray You, Lord, deliver us from our sins and from our fears, that we may serve You with our whole heart, mind, and will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Shine down Your peace to a world at war and bring calm amid the violent areas of the world; especially be with those who serve our nation, here and everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Touch the sick and suffering with peace and hope, and give to the troubled and dying the strength to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Remove the guilt of this past year's failures and fears, forgive our sins and errors, and lead us to begin anew to serve You in the gift of this coming year. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be included.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

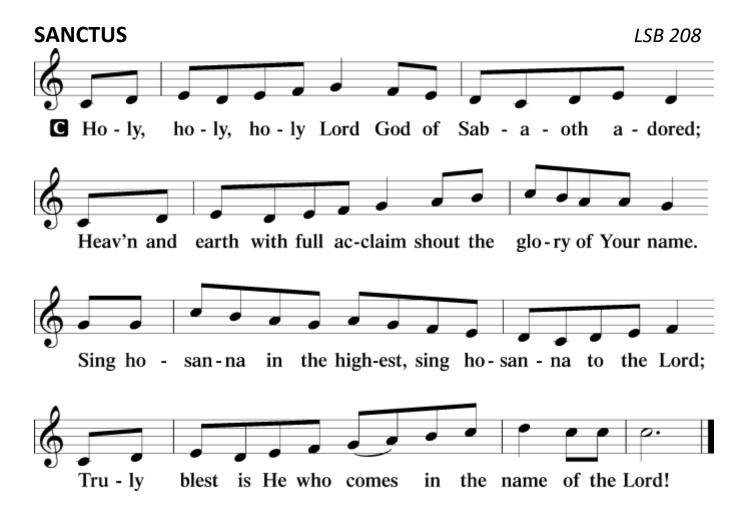
▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, 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, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, in whom all our days are made holy by His abiding presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LSB 209

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 OUR LORD

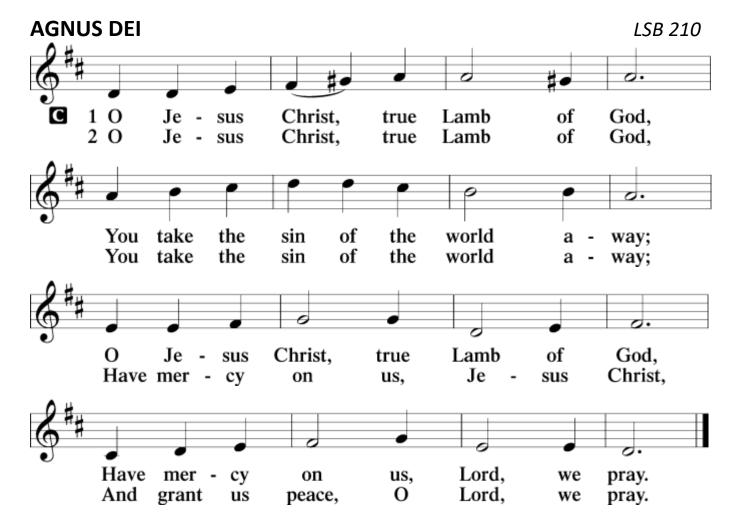
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 209

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, s He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

719 I LEAVE ALL THINGS TO GOD'S DIRECTION

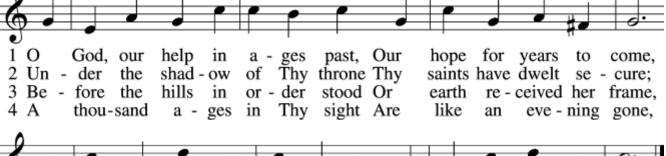


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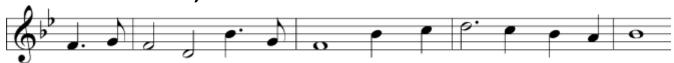


Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home: Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure. From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,Soon bears us all away;We fly forgotten as a dreamDies at the op'ning day.
- 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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761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, When mine eye lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its Be guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone. the foun-tain fly; Wash Sav - ior, Foul, I to me, or Ι die. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Stand



P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION LSB 212

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

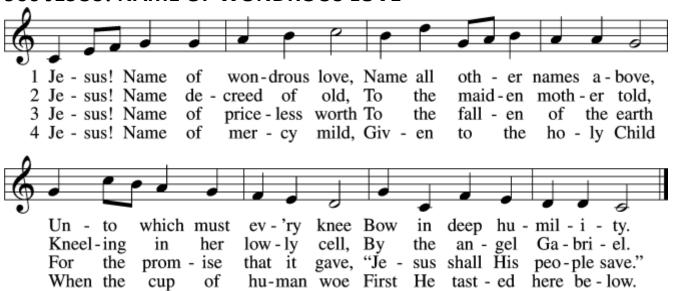
give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

900 JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE



- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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