

CHOIR

Go Now in Peace

**QUARTERLY REPORTS/MEETINGS** – Reminder to officers, board and committee chairs to get their quarterly reports into the office by Friday, January 5. Our quarterly council meeting is Sunday, January 7, at 10:30 am and quarterly congregational and voters meeting is Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 10:30 am.

Have a Blessed New Year!

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.



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DECEMBER 31, 2023 | New Year's Eve

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship this evening! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises to Him who was born to save us by the shedding of His own blood.

SERVICE NOTES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

**One more year!** Every day added to our lives, both good and bad, is a gift of God's grace! More time to repent. More time to come to our Lord, to hear His holy Word, and to put our trust in Him. Give thanks for God's grace, that has given us one more year!

**If you need any assistance**, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

**Guests and visitors**, thank you for worshiping with us today! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

**There is a Parents' Room** at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

**Tonight's service is the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution.** For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Roger Holtz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Paul Koch
Ushers	Select
Altar Guild	Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson



## SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION

*Please stand.*

### HYMN

*O Lord, Our Father, Thanks to Thee* | 125

### INVOCATION & RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C:** **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**M:** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C:** **A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

### PSALM 90

*Selected Verses*

**M:** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C:** **Before the mountains were brought forth, O ever You had formed the earth and the world,**

**M:** Even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

**C:** **You turn man to destruction,**

**M:** And say, "Return, O children of men."

**C:** **For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.**

**M:** You have set our iniquities before You,

**C:** **Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.**

**M:** 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.**

**M:** So teach us to number our days,

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

**M:** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

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

**ALL:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be forevermore. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

### THANKSGIVING

**M:** O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



**C:** And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

**M:** O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness 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. Do not forsake Your children, but always 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 true God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

### THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And with thy spir - it.

**M:** Let us bless the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C:** A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Help Us, O Lord! We Enter* | 120  
*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* | 123



FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 51:1-6

*The LORD will comfort Zion.*

"Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD:  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.  
<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you;  
For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him."  
<sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places;  
He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.  
<sup>4</sup> "Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation:  
For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples;  
The coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust.  
<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness will not be abolished.

PSALM 121

M: I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?  
**C: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**  
M: He will not allow your foot to be moved—he who keeps you will not slumber;  
**C: Behold, he who keeps Israel will not slumber.**  
M: The LORD is your keeper—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
**C: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
M: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.  
**C: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 1:22-25

*Love one another fervently with a pure heart.*

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, <sup>24</sup> because  
"All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.  
The grass withers, And its flower falls away,  
<sup>25</sup> But the word of the LORD endures forever."  
Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 13:6-9**

*The parable of the fig tree.*

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

<sup>8</sup> "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> 'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

*You may be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*To God the Anthem Raising | 112*

*Please stand for the singing of the last verse.*

1 To God the anthem raising,  
Sing, Christians, great and small;  
Sing out, his goodness praising,  
Oh, thank him, one and all!  
Behold how God this year,  
Which now is safely ended,  
Has in his love befriended  
His children far and near.

2 Let us consider rightly  
His mercies manifold,  
And let us not think lightly  
Of all his gifts untold.  
Let thankfulness recall  
How God this year has led us,  
How he has clothed and fed us,  
The great ones and the small.

3 To church and state he granted  
His peace in ev'ry place;  
His vineyard he has planted  
Among us by his grace.  
His ever-bounteous hand  
Prosperity has given  
And want and famine driven  
From this our native land.

4 O Father, Lord of heaven,  
For all your gifts of love  
Which you to us have given  
We lift our thanks above.  
In Jesus' name we here,  
To you our prayers addressing,  
Still ask you for your blessing:  
Grant us a joyful year.

5 Our God hath well defended,  
Hath kept us through His grace,  
But if He had contended  
With us our sins to trace  
And given us our need,  
We all would then be lying  
In sin and sorrow, dying,  
Each one for his misdeed.

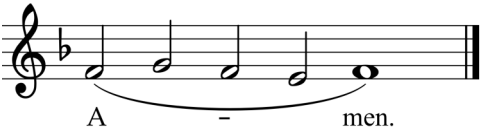
6 O Father dear in heaven,  
For all Thy gifts of love  
Which Thou to us hast given  
We lift our thanks above,  
In Jesus' name we here,  
To Thee our prayers addressing  
Still ask thee for Thy blessing:  
Grant us a joyful year.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

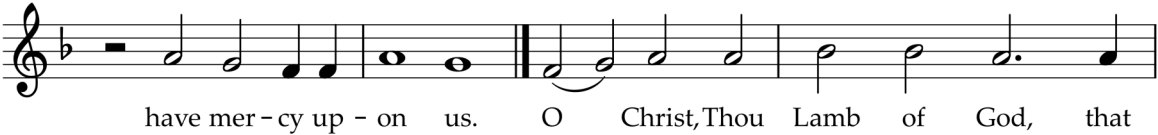
**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

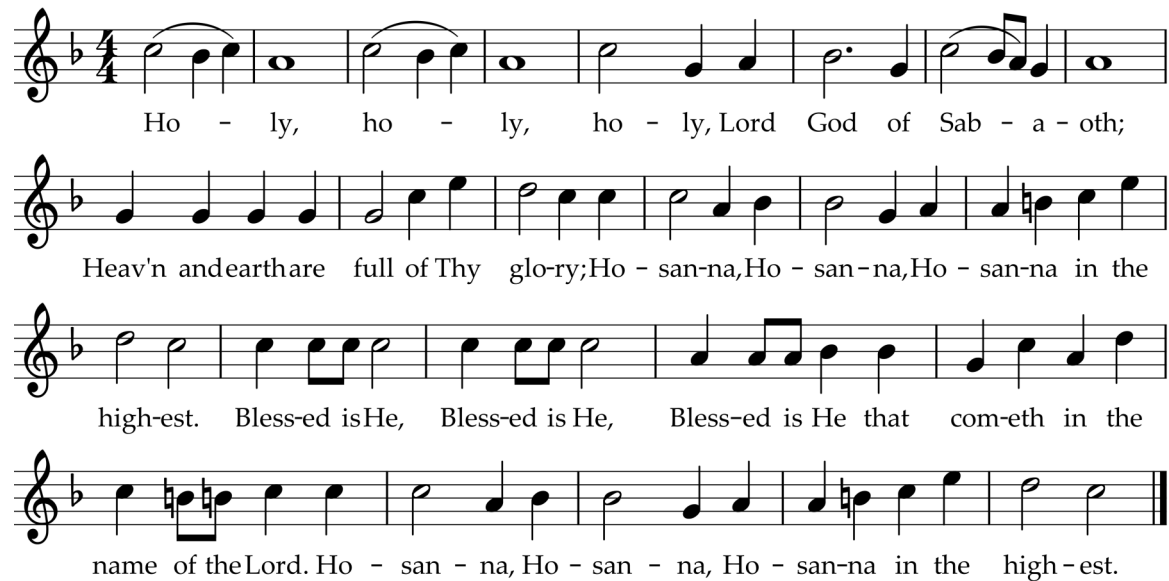
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always!



**THE AGNUS DEI ("LAMB OF GOD")**

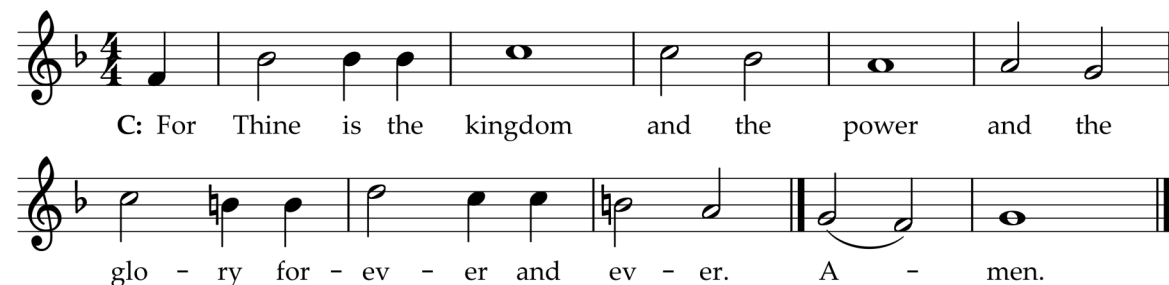




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the  
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**M:** 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;



C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## SERMON - Psalms 101:1

## *A Hymn of Thankfulness and Praise*

*Please stand.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Having now heard the Word of God, from the heart let us confess our sins.

**C:** O Lord, our God! We come before You as poor sinful beings, and are without excuse in that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. But we believe in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who has suffered for our salvation; and for His sake we pray You: Forgive us all our sins! Grant us Your Holy Spirit, to the end that we may believe Your pardoning Word, and that, according to the purpose and desire of our hearts, we may flee all sin, and may let Your holy and blessed will rule in all things. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**M:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May He comfort Your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His sacraments, that your joy may be full!

Peace be with you! Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, You have given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to Your Church, for the perfecting of the saints and the edification of Your faithful people. Thank You for Your great mercy! Bless Your holy Name!

**C:** You have not dealt with us as we have deserved, but have preserved Your Holy Word and Your precious Sacraments even to this day.

**M:** Continue to have mercy on us in the coming new year. Let the Holy Spirit enlighten and direct us, comfort and strengthen us to the joy of the angels and the increase of Your kingdom.

**C:** Let Your blessing abide on our pastors, whom You have appointed to be the shepherds of our souls.

**M:** Build us up in the true and living faith, as the Rock of our Salvation, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is worthy of all praise and glory, now and forever.

“Each new year brings us new opportunities  
To know Him more, to walk in faith, and  
Grow by His grace.

*May your year be  
Blessed in the Lord.”*

“ ‘...Eye hath not seen, nor ear  
Heard, neither have entered  
Into the heart of man, the  
Things which God hath  
Prepared for them that love  
Him.’ “ 1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV



## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

*We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion.” This means that we commune only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). If you are a guest who is interested in communing, please speak with the pastor prior to the service. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.*

### THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



M: 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, 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 be drawn to the love of 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 saying: