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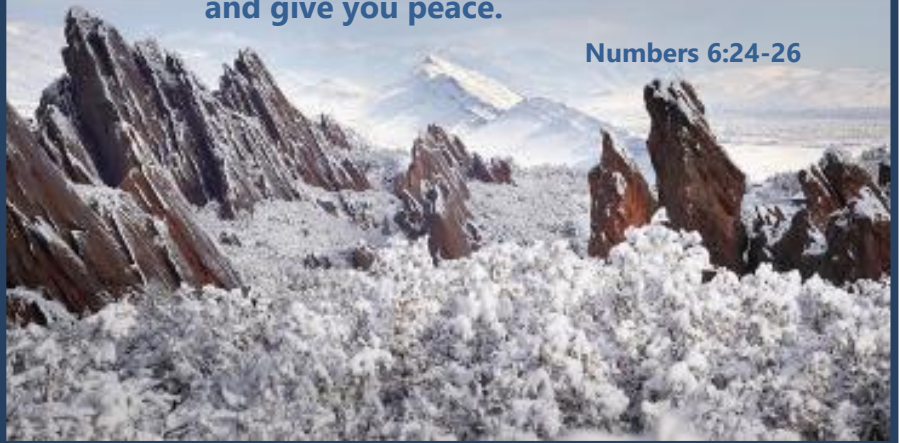
Divine Service Four

**The Feast of the Circumcision
and Name of Jesus**

January 1, 2023

**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





The Feast of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

January 1, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

O God of the ages, You promised Abraham and his descendants that You would be their God, give them Your Word, and eventually cause Christ, the Savior of the world, to be born among them. You also said that those who accepted this promise in faith would have that faith credited to them for righteousness: such a one would have forgiveness of sins for the sake of the coming Savior in whom Abraham believed. You offered and sealed to Your people this covenant of grace in circumcision. O eternal God, thank You that for our sakes You made Your blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh in our stead. Hear our petition that our hearts be purified from all sinful desires so that we may be granted the true circumcision, the circumcision of the Spirit. O God, may the Spirit also enable us to cherish our Savior in our hearts so that we praise His holy and powerful name as long as we live and then praise Him forever in His presence in our Father's house. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as 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 (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, 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 to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- 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.

Confession of Sins

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

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great | is the LORD!"

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,
but you have given me an | open ear.*
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.**

Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;*"
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**I desire to do your will, | O my God;*
your law is with- | in my heart."**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
may those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great | is the LORD!"

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

The St. James Christmas Service

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. God the
Lord, the Sav-ior gave us, Je-sus Christ is born to save us; Lord, have
mer - cy up-on us. Lord, have mer - cy up-on us.

Glory Be To God On High

Gloria [paraphrase]

The St. James Christmas Service

Joyously

Glo - ry be to God on high,
Je - sus Christ, we now de-clare
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,
To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er
draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.
Glo - - - - - ri - a
1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 6:22–27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

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.

"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 8:10; 10:17



This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel*
after those days, de- | clares the Lord:

I will put my laws in- | to their minds,*
and write them | on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.*

I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.

Epistle: Galatians 3:23–29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

A 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, al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:31



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



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



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Holy Gospel: Luke 2:21

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



And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



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.

Sit

900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Sermon

"He Places His Name on Us"

Text: Numbers 6:22-27

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship
book and pass it to your fellow worshippers.)*



Service of the Sacrament



Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

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.

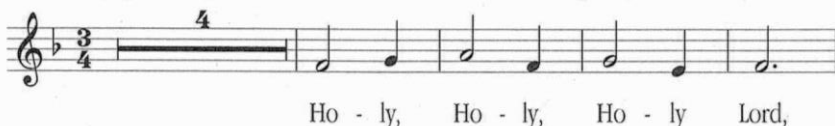
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Sanctus

Gently [in One]

The St. James Christmas Service





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:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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 Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
 Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb Of God

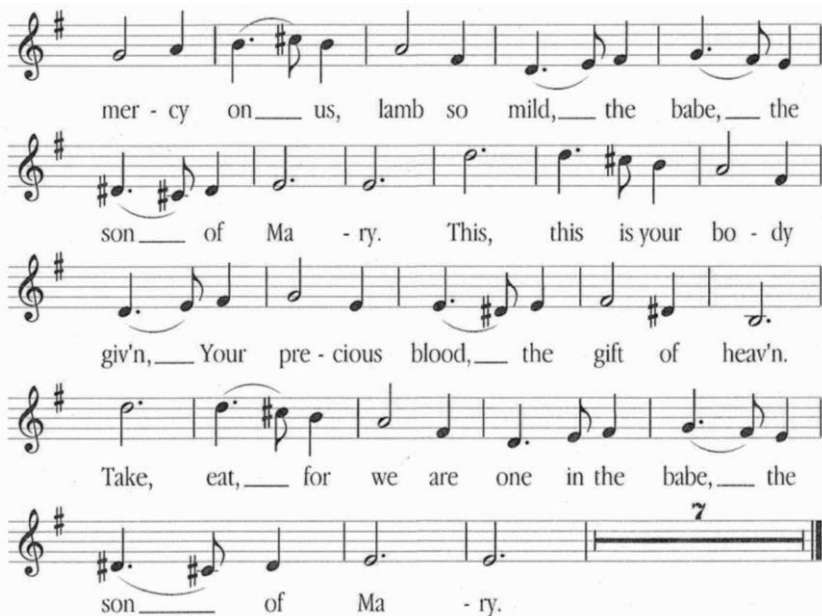
Fraction Anthem

Sit

Gently [In One]

The St. James Christmas Service

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
 Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have



Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

372 O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead 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.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

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

Benediction

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 look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

898 The Ancient Law Departs



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:
8 a.m. – Steve White
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Thank you to the following members for gracing our chancel with poinsettias this Christmas: Warren Denny and Pat Gil; the Heger family; Jerry and Shirley Tuell; Jane Wheatley; Steve and Becky White.

Offering Envelope



The 2023 Offering Envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. If you didn't find yours or would like to request envelopes, please contact Dave Shavlik.



Make it a point to start each day of this New Year with a prayer. It works wonders. Happy New Year!

Months in a year

A M A Y G O J U N E
L F M A R C H U S P
A E A D D T N P E F
R B U E A O O A P J
D R G C P B V P T A
Z U U E R E E J E N
I A S M I R M U M U
J R T B L V B L B A
C Y X E I V E Y E R
E T N R J T R X R Y

January	July
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
June	December

Check your inbox for your January Newsletter. If you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up from the table by the front doors in the narthex.



Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!

Names Of Jesus

L V R U K R L L I E R P Q V V G J E H O V A H V
 O N E C Q E N O Y L O H W T E L S A V I O U R F
 R E H Q Z K A E S S E N S U O T H G I R W Q D K
 D M T U H A L F I C O U N C E L O R S L S G Z N
 O E A N J M M W W R H M T E R G U X H A U V O L
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 J E R M N Q A O P A R L O Q B H U O D O T T O T
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 H F V B S E L M E G D R A X K C U L B F B G E E
 M P E L N J E B H H X O O S Z I D L H E F I B T
 V E H Y D L K T X L T Q B I T Z N A Y Z Q M Y R
 V A A T H E L I F E T D D Q V I V G U A U L L U
 D C I P O Q S H T U R G D P X A N Y S U F A N T
 R E S H O L I N E S S A N E D T S G M L V K O H
 O N S R Y S Z B R D O G F O N O S U Z G B Z E R
 L Z E I O E F I L L A N R E T E T S I R H C Z L
 J C M N J Z W W Y X P W O N D E R F U L Y C M E

All Power	Ruler	Son Of God	Rightousness	Holiness
Baby Jesus	Wise Men	Bethlehem	Saviour	Emmanuel
Father	Everlasting	Eternal Life	Love	Son Of Man
Only Begotten Son	Holy One	The Life	The Way	The Truth
Almighty God	Almighty	Jehovah	Lord of Lords	Lord
Christ	Son	God	Lamb Of God	King Of Kings
Messiah	Jesus Christ	Everlasting Father	Counselor	Wonderful
The Light	Christmas	Prince Of Peace	Savior	Holy
Joy	Peace Maker			

Portals of Prayer for January-March 2023 are out!

*Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have
 digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great
 resource to use in your daily devotions!*

More Names of Jesus

P N A M F O N O S P I I S E G D U J N
 U R D O G F O D R O W M O A I N B O R
 A G I R H T T F L B O L M T V G E A T
 U K I N G O F K I N G S M A R I L A P
 T B M I C I H N I R K D H E N P O O U
 C N R N S E F I T C S R A S H U V R D
 N Y L G D R O L G N I T S A L R E V E
 N O E S R R Y F B H I E A E E N D L N
 N H O T O E E R P A P N N N T H S S G
 I A Q A L T S H M E D R E O D U O A O
 Y S R R F N H U P O A R I D Y L N T L
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 N F E V O A Z N F E G U D I W Y B I X
 S G M I L C I E W D O G F O B M A L I
 A O E L N U H A D U J F O N O I L D T
 R D R E M O C R E V O A W A B G I S I
 I N C D U R E H C A E T H E W A Y H E

Alpha and Omega

Anointed One

Beloved Son

Carpenter

Daystar

Deliverer

Everlasting Lord

First and Last

Good Shepherd

Great I AM

High Priest

Holy One

Immanuel

Judge

King of Kings

Lamb of God

Lion of Judah

Lord of Lords

Morning Star

Nazarene

Overcomer

Prince of Peace

Redeemer

Savior

Son of God

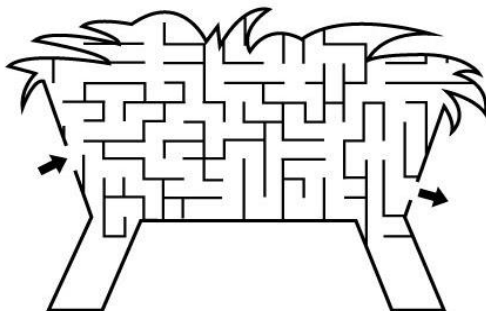
Son of Man

Teacher

The Way

Word of God

Yeshua



Petitions and Prayers: The wonderful assurance for you in prayer is grounded in and motivated by hearing and learning God's Word.



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick hearts that trust in Your promise never to leave them nor forsake them. Whether or not removing their suffering and restoring their health is Your will for their lives now, keep them in Your grace and strengthen their faith. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Kathy Harrington's sister, Barbara, in Hospice
- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) – mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris should officially be on heart transplant list soon
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the End of the Year

**Lord God Almighty, You are the beginning and the end. Teach us to begin each day and every year with the truth and encouragement of Your Word. Guide us also to close each night and season in the forgiveness of Your Son, Jesus Christ. At this time, show us Your mercy, giving us boldness to seek Your will and courage to be obedient to Your will. Be our life and salvation in this world as we anticipate worshiping You in the world to come. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life January 1, 2023

“[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He's your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, 'Come quickly, my King,' because He has given you the promise, 'You will be with me in paradise.'”

*Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls,
Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Psalm 8:1

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***



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anytime.**

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**New Year,
Same God,
Come Join us!**

