

# New Year's Eve December 31, 2021

*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*Fargo, North Dakota*

*Pre-Service Music / Welcome*

**Opening Hymn**      “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

*LSB 733*

**Invocation, Confession, Absolution**

*LSB 184-185*

**Introit**

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

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

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

P: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P: The Lord has made known his salvation;

**C: 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.**

**Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis** *(sung)*

*LSB 186-9*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*(LSB 189)*

P: ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

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.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 30:8-17*

R: The Old Testament reading for New Year's Eve is from Isaiah, chapter thirty.

And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the

Holy One of Israel.” Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.”

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, 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. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading**

*Romans 8:31b-39*

R: The Epistle reading is from Romans, chapter eight.

If God is for us, who can be against us? 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? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia**

*(LSB 190)*



### **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:35-40*

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “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. 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. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 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. 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Creed Nicene Creed**

*[LSB inside back cover]*

**Hymn of the Day “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”** **LSB 896**

**Sermon**

*Romans 8:31b-39*

**Offertory** *(sung)*

**LSB 192-193**

**Offering** *(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)*  
*All offerings from this service will go to the District Mission Project, Project 24*

**Prayer of the Church**

**+ Service of the Sacrament +**

*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 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 usher.*

**Communion Liturgy**

**LSB 194ff**

**Distribution Hymns**

***“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”***

***LSB 618***

***“Across the Sky the Shades of Night”***

***LSB 899***

***“Now Thank We All Our God”***

***LSB 895***

**Post-Communion Liturgy**

***LSB 199ff***

*Announcements*

**Closing Hymn**

***“Abide with Me”***

***LSB 878***

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