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### Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- \* If you are sick, do not come.
- \* You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- \* Masks are encouraged.
- \* The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

### Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

### Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

# New Year's Eve

What God Has Already Done—What God Will Do for His People  
December 31, 2020

## As We Gather

At the dawn of the new year, we are filled with hope for what is to come as we find thankfulness in our hearts for what has already passed. We pray that we will keep our focus where it needs to be this year—on the Lord, His goodness, and what He wants to do through us, and that we'll all have a year filled with spiritual growth, Christian service, and joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. Tonight, we will reflect on God's past faithfulness, as we look ahead to His future promises. We will confess our sins and receive forgiveness as we invite Him to lead us in holiness of living and exuberance of service in the New Year. We will receive the blessing of that forgiveness given in His body and blood. And after this, we will depart with His peace.



## Pre-Service Music

## Welcome

## 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## Remembrance of Those Who Have Departed

Rick Reedy	02-13-1958—11-10-2019
Shannon Murphy Malek	01-10-1955—01-12-2020
Ronald Gene Horn	01-21-1936—01-22-2020
Howard Heitzeg	07-13-1940—01-22-2020
Neva J. Mayes-Varner	12-15-1937—02-13-2020
Tracy (Horn) Nelson	10-20-1957—02-13-2020
Howard Brown	03-31-1934—02-20-2020
Diana Louise (Robertson) Brooks	12-30-1957—02-28-2020
Vernon Bomhoff	05-29-1938—03-31-2020
Joah Enevoldsen	07-16-1995—04-23-2020
Greg Warren	12-15-1955—08-01-2020
Florence F. Stanich	03-05-1933—08-11-2020
Freida Dice	05-12-1921—10-25-2020
Pauline Rea	01-07-1938—12-06-2020
Mary Jane Chapa	11-01-1969—12-27-2020

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**p** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## **I. Look Back on His Blessings**

- *Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced, ... 1 Chronicles 16:11-12*
- *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17*
- *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning;*

*great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him. Lamentations 3:22-24*

## Personal Testimonies

### 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*sts. 1-2, 6*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



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.  
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

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## II. Focus on the Future Plans God Has for You

God has plans for our lives, and they're plans to help us prosper!

- *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19*
- *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*
- *In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9*

## Song

### *Holy is the Lord*

**We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He**

**And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory *[repeat from beginning]***

#### Bridge

**It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown**

**And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory**

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### III. Don't Worry About What Is to Come

God is with us in the new year, and we don't need to worry about anything when we focus on Him. He is our Strength. He is with us and we have nothing to fear.

- *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6*
- *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*
- *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7*
- *So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Hebrews 13:6*

### Praying in the New Year

#### ✠ Holy Communion ✠

### 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.

## IV. We Give Thanks

As we ring in the new year it's important to remember that we can only find contentment in God. We also need to give thanks for all that He has done for us in the past year, and what He will do for His people in the year to come.

- *Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13*
- *“And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness: ... Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10*
- *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. Psalm 100:4*
- *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*
- *Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:1-3*

## The Blessing

## 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with a triangle symbol at the beginning of the first line.

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## Postlude

### Offering *(As You Exit)*

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