



† New Years' Eve Service ONLINE †

Celebrating the blessings God has blessed us with this past year

December 31, 2020–6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

Opening Hymn:

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

LSB# 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

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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Invocation, Confession, And Forgiveness:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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

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

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

A moment of Private Confession

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

Pastor 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.

People **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 90:1-12*

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

People: **Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading:

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading:

Luke 12:35-40

³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was
buried.**

He descended into hell.

**The third day He rose again
from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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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;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



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 dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 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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Sermon:

IS it OVER Yet

Pastor David Benning

Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person one is the Give + app which can be downloaded from your phones app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offering Prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **The Son of God Jesus Christ, uphold us with Your mercy and remain forever near. From You we gladly all receive, And what is ours, to You we give, Our hearts, our souls, and all we own. Let these be Yours alone. Amen.**

New Year's Eve Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord of Life, Source of eternal light and life, come to those who live far from You.

People: **Call, gather, and enlighten them that they may know and believe in Your Son.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, You once were homeless Yourself, come among those who this night have no place to rest and little food to eat.

People: **Reach to them through Your caring people and by Your presence bring them hope.**

Pastor: O Prince of Peace, through Your Word inspire peace throughout the world.

People: **Reconcile us to one another even as You have reconciled us to Your Father.**

Pastor: Loving Lord, bring to those who face sickness at this time of year's ending a wholeness of spirit, a healing of body.

People: **Grant us endurance God as we pursue the New Year.**

Pastor: Father, grant those who grieve the loss of loved ones a oneness with the saints in light, a unity spanning space and time,

People: **For as Christ is with them and Christ is with us, then we are one in Christ.**

Pastor: Great God, make us one that Your Church on earth may increasingly speak with one voice and with one heart

People: **So that one strong, united Christian witness may proclaim Christ to the world.**

Pastor: For these and all the needs of Your people, we come to You in prayer

People: **Through Him who has opened the way for us, even Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

Pastor: These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to Your throne of grace in the words which Christ himself has taught us to pray:

People: **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.**

Blessing of the Saints:

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you throughout this New Year. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you as the days pass us by. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in all that you accomplish in 2021. People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

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1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Go in peace and joy. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

