

*And if  
you belong to  
Christ, then you  
are Abraham's  
offspring, heirs  
according to  
the promise.*

*Galatians 3:29, NRSV*

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine **we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.



We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.

Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand.

If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.



The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is allergic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEW YEAR'S EVE  
December 31, 2021  
12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE  
(† - Congregation stands)

Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn

LSB 733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



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!

## † Opening Versicles

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

**C** Amen.

**P** In the name of the Father who created time, the Son who inhabited and redeemed time, and the Holy Spirit who sanctified God's gift of time,

**C** in His name we gather to receive His blessings and respond with our worship and praise.

**P** There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven –

**C** a time to be born and a time to die,

**P** a time to plant and a time to uproot,

**C** a time to kill and a time to heal,

**P** a time to tear down and a time to build,

**C** a time to weep and a time to laugh,

**P** a time to mourn and a time to dance,

**C** a time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones together,

**P** a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

**C** a time to search and a time to give up,

**P** a time to keep and a time to throw away,

**C** a time to tear and a time to mend,

**P** a time to be silent and a time to speak,

**C** a time to love and a time to hate,

**P** a time for war and a time for peace.

**C** There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

† **Confession of Sins and Declaration of Grace**

**P** Let us confess our sinfulness in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore, I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, peace, forgiveness and remission of all your sins.

**P** Amen.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault. Wherefore, I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, peace, forgiveness and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

† **Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, because You sent us Your only-begotten Son for our salvation and gave Him the name of Jesus,

**C** grant that we may begin the New Year trusting in His saving name and live all our days in His service and praise to the glory of His holy name;

**P** who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22-27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

† **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:21*

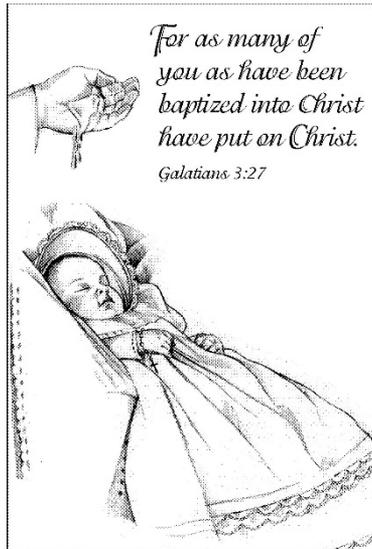
**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>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.**



Hymn

LSB 900 "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"



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.

Sermon

Galatians 3:25

"Out with the Old, in with the New?"

† Confession of Faith

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.

## † Prayer

**P** Merciful heavenly Father, by Your grace we come to the conclusion of another year. By Your creative power You have sustained our lives and protected us through many dangers.

- C** For Your abundant blessings we give You most hearty thanks especially for Your forgiving love which we have undeservedly received.
- P** By Your grace we take another step forward. Although we don't know what lies ahead, we proceed with confidence trusting You to be with us.
- C** Whether the year ahead brings sickness or good health, poverty or riches, sorrow or joy, we know that You will give us guidance and strength.
- P** Bless us in our service to Your holy Name and grant that the witness which we express may be accepted with open hearts.
- C** This we ask in the name of Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ who lives up to the meaning of His name perfectly and completely – the Lord saves. Amen.

## Offering

During the Voluntary we ask all our worshippers to note your attendance with us on the Member/Guest cards located in the hymnal rack. Cards may be placed in the offering box before or after the service.

## Service of the Sacrament

### † Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts to the One who heals, who builds, who loves with an everlasting love.
- C** We lift them to the Lord in praising His glorious name.
- P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord.
- C** We thank Him for His goodness.

**P** With the Church Militant on earth and the Church Triumphant in heaven we join together in the unending hymn:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hear us as we pray in Your name:

† Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## † Words of Institution

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## Communion Distribution

### Hymn

LSB 393 “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Hymn

LSB 898 "The Ancient Law Departs"



1 The an - cient Law de - parts, And all its fears re - move,  
 2 The Light of Light di - vine, True bright - ness un - de - filed,  
 3 His in - fant bod - y now Be - gins the cross to feel;  
 4 To - day the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.  
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, For Thy re - deem - ing love,



For Je - sus makes with faith - ful hearts A cov - e - nant of love.  
 He bears for us the pain of sin, A ho - ly, spot-less child.  
 Those pre-cious drops of blood that flow For death the vic - tim seal.  
 They call Thee Je - sus, child di - vine; Our Je - sus deign to be.  
 With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one In glo - rious might a - bove.

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† Eucharistic Blessing

† Prayer

**P** Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord God, heavenly Father, because You sent us Your only-begotten Son for our salvation, gave Him the name Jesus, and bless us with the benefits of salvation through His gifts of Word and Sacrament,

**C** grant that we who this day conclude the year with His blessings may begin the new year trusting in His saving name and live all our days in His service and praise to the glory of His holy name;

**P** who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

† **Benediction**

**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.

† **Hymn**      *LSB 390 "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"*



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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**Organ Postlude**

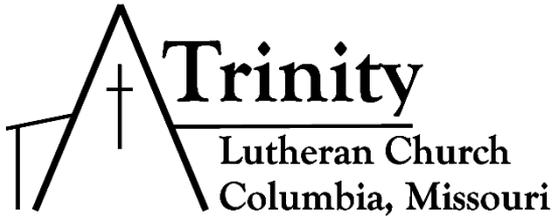
**A Christ-Blest New Year to You!**

Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist	Rev. Brian Thieme
Preacher	Rev. Joseph McCalley
Elders	(12:00 p.m.) Benjamin Asbeck (7:00 p.m.) Daniel Hartman
Organist	(12:00 p.m.) Carolyn Holste (7:00 p.m.) Joanna McDowell

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