

Welcome to Living Savior!

- Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us to worship the Savior at Living Savior
- Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the church in the second hallway. There are also restrooms in the NW corner of the fellowship hall.
- Please help us be a friendly church by filling out the Connection Card during the service and placing it in the offering plate in the narthex as you leave.
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NEW YEAR'S DAY - January 1, 2023

Hymns – 332 – 349 – 362 – 331 – 336 – 342 – 355 – 368

Hymn *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice* | **Christian Worship 332**

Please rise

Apostolic Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

With the closing of another year, we are compelled to look back in reflective contemplation and to carry forward its joys and blessings into the new year.

C: Thank you, Lord, for the goodness you have shown to us in the past year. You have blessed us in ways too numerous to count. You have sustained us in times of trouble in ways we cannot ever fully appreciate.

Having come to the close of another year, we are compelled to look back upon it with humble mediation and to unburden ourselves before God of the sin that destroys our happiness as well as our relationships with God and others.

C: Merciful Father, this past year has been another year of sin for us. We have grieved your heart with our sins of thought, word, and deed. Even though we bear the name "Christian," we have failed to lead lives worthy of that calling. We have not done the good things you require of us in your commandments. We ask your forgiveness in the name of Jesus, your only Son, who died for our sins. We ask your Holy Spirit, in the year now beginning, to help us more faithfully reflect the image of Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection.

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. *Titus 3:4-7*

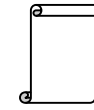
C: "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved." Amen. *Acts 4:12*

Hymn *A Great and Mighty Wonder* | **CW 349:1,4,5**

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year | **CW 368**



Announcements

This Week

- Please pick up a calendar for January – you will find one in your mailbox.
- Jan 3, 9am – Lizzie Rahmer Confirmation Class, church
- Jan 4, 10:30am – Preschool Devotion, The Wisemen
- Jan 4, 11:00am – David Wiseley Confirmation Class
- Jan 4, 6:30pm – Bible Study, "Bible Basics – Expounded and Explained by the Lutheran Confessions"
- Jan 6 – Pastor's day off
- Jan 8, 11:30am – **VOTERS' MEETING**
- Jan 8, 4:00pm – Worship with Holy Communion, Kalispell

Looking Ahead

- Jan 11, 6:30pm – **CALL MEETING**
- Jan 15, 11:15am – Annual Organizational Meeting
- Jan 22, 11:15am – Sunday Family Bible Hour resumes, "Galatians, Paul's Timeless Message of Grace Over Legalism"

January Altar

1st – Deb Johnson
8th - Dawn Mortel

January Cleaning

1st through 14th : Mortel/Johnson
15th through 28th : Fleig/Mitchell
29th through Feb 11th : Murphy/Landers

The Word



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Be seated

Distribution—Member Communion

The Lord's Supper is a beautiful expression of unity—with our Lord and among members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If you are not yet a confirmed member of a WELS or ELS church, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you would like to join us in the future, please speak with the pastor about instruction classes offered. To God be the glory!

Hymn Let All Together Praise Our God | CW 355

Stand

Thanksgiving and Proclamation

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. *Psalm 107:1*

C: And his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer

Lord, we thank you that once again you have been with us as we have gathered in your house and at your table. We thank you that, of your mercy, you have strengthened us with your heavenly feast and with the very body and blood of your only Son for the forgiveness of our sin. Bless our lives with your abiding presence and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom. We ask this for Jesus' sake.

C: Amen.

Sending *Psalm 37:5-6*

Brothers and sisters, in the new year continue to—

Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him and he will do this:

He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

The Blessing *Benediction* *Numbers 6:24-26*

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you T peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Meditation

As we begin a new year, forgiven by God, we are reminded that we are his redeemed saints. We forge ahead in this new year, not in bondage, but in freedom; no longer in futility, but persevering in hope that does not disappoint us. God bless us and keep us in the coming year.

Prayer of the Day

God of all time and eternity, the Alpha and Omega, we commit to you the year now completed and commend to your kindness and love the year now at hand. Throughout the coming days, weeks, and months encourage us by your Spirit to make wise use of your Word and sacraments that we may be thoroughly strengthened in our faith, and grounded in the love, grace, and mercy of Christ, our Lord, in whose wondrous name we commence this new year. Amen.

Be seated

First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-7 NIV*

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising* | **CW 362:1,2,5**

Second Reading **1 John 4:7-14** NIV

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

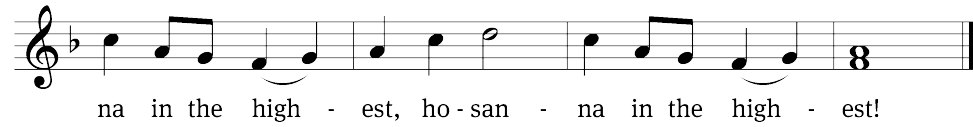
The Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in a single melodic line. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23b-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Gospel Acclamation

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come | CW 331:8,13

The Gospel | The Good News
NIV

Luke 2:12; [13-14 sung in paraphrase]; 15-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night | CW 336:5,6

5—Pastor Persons, 6—All

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Gospel of our Lord's nativity.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

All You Need Is Love

1 John 4:7-14

Stand

Confession of Faith

O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is | CW 342

Pastor Persons sings stanza 3

Prayer of the Church

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: Every day I will praise you and extol your name.

It is fitting, O Lord, , to express our gratitude for your countless gifts of grace—in the past, in the present, and in the future.

C: You are faithful and true to your promises and loving toward all you have made.

You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need, and you give us all good things.

Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.

C: We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.

We thank you especially for your Word and sacrament, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we end the old year; in his name we begin the new year. Amen.

Offering

Please fill out a Connection Card as the offering is brought to the altar.

Stand

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

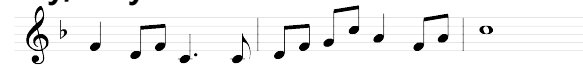
[Psalm 136]

C: It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -