

# Faith Lutheran Church



...from everlasting  
to everlasting  
you are God.

Psalm 90:2, NRSV

New Year's Eve

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

New Year's Eve

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 90:1-12*

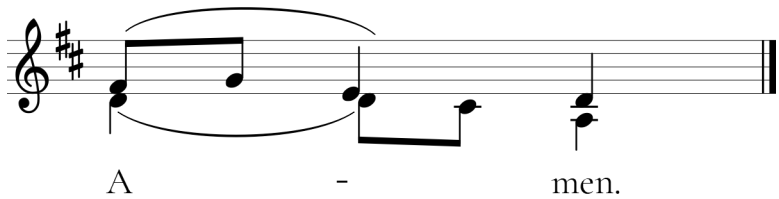
Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. <sup>3</sup> You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: <sup>6</sup> In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. <sup>7</sup> For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. <sup>9</sup> For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup> Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath. <sup>12</sup> So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#123:1-4,8 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A - men.

Lord, have, mercy on us. Christ, have mercy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
 heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We  
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
 praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,  
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

A - men.

## THE WORD

**Galatians 3:23-29** <sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. <sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <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 seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**Luke 12:35-40** <sup>35</sup> "Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; <sup>36</sup> "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup> "Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*,



and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup> "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The second staff contains the melody for 'These words are writ - ten that we may believe that'. The third staff contains the melody for 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia!'. The fourth staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The lyrics are written below the corresponding staves.

# THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

## **#552:1-3,6,8 Abide with Me!**

### **SERMON**

**Haggai 2:5-7** <sup>5</sup> 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' <sup>6</sup> "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; <sup>7</sup> 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

**I covenant with you a shaking  
to give you My presence, hope, and love.**

Professor John Ude

Create in me a clean heart, O

God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me

not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly

Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-

va - - - tion. Up -

hold me with Your free Spir - it.

## #311:1-4 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

## Offering Hymn #792

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving,  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light

## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

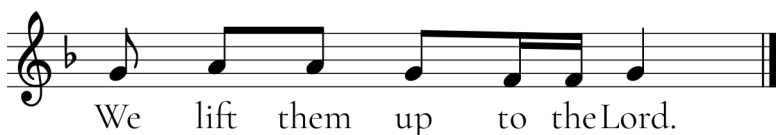
all      Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



p Lift up your hearts.



p 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, for in the wonder and mystery of his 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, heav'n and earth are  
 full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-nain the highest, ho-  
 sanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san-nain the highest ho-  
 san - na in the high - est.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God, You take away the  
sin of the world; have mercy up - on us. Lamb of  
God You take away the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on



us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

We invite all those who have registered with the pastor before the service to come forward and receive with us the Lord's Supper. Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.

Thank the Lord;      sing His praise;

Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what  
 He has done. Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord;  
 lead Your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
 giv - ing. Thank the Lord; sing His praise;  
 tell ev - 'ry-one what He has done. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**#558:1-4 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night**



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