



# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

## New Year's Eve 2019

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### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Almighty God, you alone are constant and unchanging. You have safely brought us through the changes of time to the end of one year, the beginning of another. We humbly ask you to forgive the sins of the past year. We pray for grace and renewed zeal to faithfully do your will during the New Year. Be with us and guide us through the saving work of your Spirit. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"*

**CW 64**

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Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
We are rich, for he was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us and be near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son has 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!

## INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place,

**C: in all generations.**

P: Teach us to number our days.

**C: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.**

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

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

*Psalms 90:1, 12a, 14a; 124:8*

## CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*"The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"*

CW 71

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The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,  
Oh, help us to for - sake all sin, A new and  
O our God, to - day That you have kept us through the  
ho - lier life be - gin! For - give the old year's sins, and  
year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.  
bless The new year with true hap - pi - ness,

## NEW YEAR'S EVE LESSONS

### Old Testament Lesson – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a Time for Everything

P: There is a time for everything,

**C: and a season for every activity under heaven.**

P: A time to be born

**C: and a time to die,**

P: a time to plant

**C: and a time to uproot,**

P: a time to kill

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

P: a time to tear down

**C: and a time to build,**

P: a time to weep

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

P: a time to mourn

**C: and a time to dance,**

P: a time to scatter stones

**C: and a time to gather them,**

P: a time to embrace

**C: and a time to refrain,**

P: a time to search

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

P: a time to keep

**C: and a time to throw away,**

P: a time to tear

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

P: a time to be silent

**C: and a time to speak,**

P: a time to love

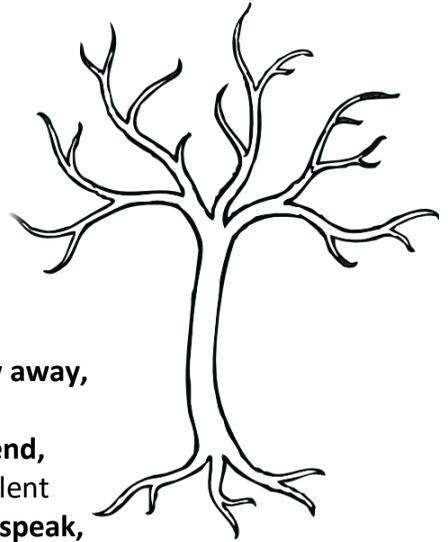
**C: and a time to hate,**

P: a time for war

**C: and a time for peace.**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



### **Luke 13:6-9 - A Lesson From a Fig Tree**

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' <sup>8</sup>"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON HYMN

### *"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"*

CWS 708

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Now greet the swiftly chang - ing year  
Re - mem - ber now the Son of God  
With him as Lord to lead our way  
God, Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, hear!

With joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere.  
And how he shed his in - fant blood.  
In haz - ard and pros - per - i - ty,  
To all our pleas in - cline your ear;

Re - joice! Re - joice! With thanks em - brace  
Re - joice! Re - joice! With thanks em - brace  
What need we fear in earth or space  
Up - on our lives rich bless - ing trace

An - oth - er year of grace.  
An - oth - er year of grace.  
In this new year of grace?  
In this new year of grace.

## UNTIL TOMORROW TEASURE TODAY

Luke 2:25-35

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

## OFFERING

# THE SACRAMENT

*Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

## SING:

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I come, O Sav-ior, to your ta-ble, For weak and wea-ry is my soul;  
O Je-sus, you a-lone are a-ble To sat-is-fy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your bod-y and your blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION AND QUIET MEDITATION**

## **THANKSGIVING**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and your blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

## CLOSING HYMN

### *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"*

CW 321

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Sav - ior a - gain to thy dear name we raise  
Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
Grant us thy peace through out our earth - ly life.



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.  
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.  
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like for thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

***"<sup>11</sup> Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.***

***<sup>12</sup> Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced."***

***1 Chronicles 16:11-12***

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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