

The Lutheran Church of the Savior
A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



New Year's Eve Worship

December 31, 2020 7:00 PM

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Invocation and Opening Litany

A As another year of God's grace, mercy, and peace upon us draws to a close, we begin our time of worship together at year's end, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

C Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

A His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

A He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:1-3

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Across the Sky the Shades of Night

LSB 899 sts. 1-2



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -



fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And

sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last
 all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this

hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,
 com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear

Once more Your love en - treat - ing.
 And crown us with Your bless - ing.

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Confession and Absolution

A God of the Ages,

C **I earnestly desire your presence on the threshold of this new year. Yet, my sins prevent me from entering your presence. I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace. Amen.**

A In the mercy of the God of the Ages, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**



Across the Sky the Shades of Night

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3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your
4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your



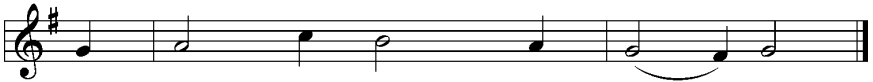
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past



grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,



strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day
as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,



Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

5 Then, gracious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may guide us,
And, onward through our journey home, Your mercy walk beside us
Until at last our ransomed life Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
When heav'n itself shall hide us.

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Service of the Word

Kyrie ~ *Lord have mercy*

A O God of the Ages, as we leave the year that is past,

C **Have mercy on us.**

A Lord Jesus whose blood was shed for us,

C **Have mercy on us.**

A Triune God in whose name we are baptized,

C **Have mercy on us.**

A Lord of time and eternity, as we enter this new year,

C **Have mercy on us. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:15–17

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said,
“No! We will flee upon horses”;
therefore you shall flee away;
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.

¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle

Romans 8:31b–39

³¹If 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:35–40

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

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.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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 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.**



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

Dressed for Service

Luke 12:35-40

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Prayers of the Church

A Lord, as we bring our prayers to you on this New Year's Eve, we give you thanks for your blessings poured upon us this past year, and for the reality that you are with us, you are for us, and nothing can separate us from your love. We ask your continual blessings, mercy, and grace to be upon us in the coming year, as we live as your children, always in your forgiveness, your love, and your life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Heavenly Father, hear us as we bring our concerns for the whole world. May the coming year be marked with peace and good-will among all nations. Bless our national and local leaders with Godly wisdom as they govern for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, we pray also for the individual needs known to each of us as we enter a new year of your mercy and grace. We offer now in silence the personal prayers of our hearts... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord of all power and love, build up Your Church to enable it to rise in your strength, so that the Good News of your salvation in Jesus may be spread far and wide, especially to those who are living apart from you. Use each one of us and our church family, that fulfilling your ministry among us and through us, we would

love the Lord our God and love our neighbor as well, continuing to be a *Community of faith: centered in Christ, called to serve*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together,

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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

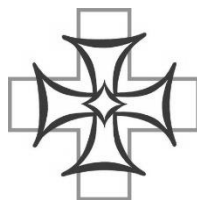
C **Thanks be to God.**

A The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

C **Amen.**



All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

LSB 883



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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