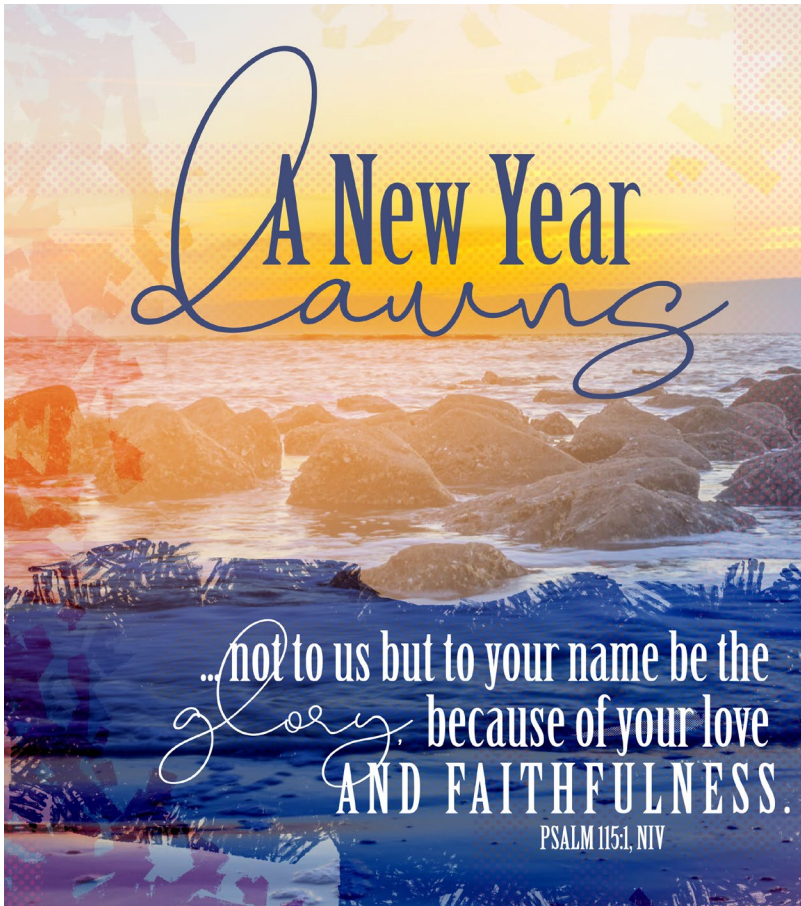


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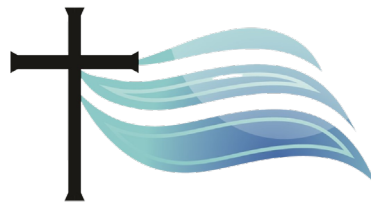
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD



✧ Welcome ✧

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✧ As We Gather ✧

✧ **TODAY, THROUGH THE PROPHET ISAIAH**, God calls all this night to awaken and listen to His saving Word, to hold it sacred, and to gladly hear and learn it. For only then can we be assured of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In God's Word alone do we remain awake and "dressed for action," our lamp of faith burning, awake and ready for our entrance into the eternal joy of the day of resurrection and eternal life.

✧ The service in its entirety is printed in this service bulletin.

✧ Preparation ✧

OPENING SONG

Great Are You, Lord

Praise Team

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You Lord.

Chorus: It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry,
These bones will sing, "Great are You Lord!" (Repeat 2x)
Chorus

INVOCATION

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

✧ Service of the Word ✧

KYRIE

LSB, p. 152-53

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For God's peace upon us and all who call out to Him, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For peace among this world's people, for whom Christ died, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For us here and for the Church around the world, gathered around Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Help us, heavenly Father, save us, gracious Lord, comfort us, O Holy Spirit, and defend us according to Your gracious will, O God.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray together.

C **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. 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31b-39

If 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Video Screen)*

Luke 12:35-40

P 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON SONG

Glorify Thy Name

Praise Team

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus: Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. *Chorus*

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. *Chorus*

SERMON *(Video Screen)*

Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.
Amen...

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations,
And your family, and your children, and their children, and their children.

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
All around you and within you. He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you,
He is for you...
Amen...



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