

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

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“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST” VERSES 1-4

✝ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 151

✝ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 152

✝ PSALM *Psalm 90:1–12 (antiphon: v.17)*

Pastor: ¹Lord, You have been our dwelling place

People: in all generations.

Pastor: ²Before the mountains were brought forth,

People: or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Pastor: ³You return man to dust.

People: and say, “Return, O children of man!”

Pastor: ⁴For a thousand years in Your sight

People: are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Pastor: ⁵You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,

People: like grass that is renewed in the morning:

Pastor: ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

People: in the evening it fades and withers.

Pastor: ⁷For we are brought to an end by Your anger;

People: by Your wrath we are dismayed.

Pastor: ⁸You have set our iniquities before You,

People: our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

Pastor: ⁹For all our days pass away under Your wrath;

People: we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

Pastor: ¹⁰The years of our life are seventy,

People: or even by reason of strength eighty;

Pastor: yet their span is but toil and trouble;

People: they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Pastor: ¹¹Who considers the power of Your anger,

People: and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

Pastor: ¹²So teach us to number our days

People: that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **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

Reader: The Old Testament reading for New Year's Eve is from the thirtieth chapter of Isaiah.

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL Ps. 90:12, 14

Pastor: Teach us to number our days

People: **that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

THE EPISTLE -- ROMANS 8:31B-39

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the eighth chapter of Romans.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 12:35-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter.

People: 🎵 **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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: 🎵 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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“ENTRUST YOUR DAYS AND BURDENS” VERSES 1, 2, 4 & 6

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated by this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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“LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE”

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