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New Year

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Another
Year
of
Grace



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. ¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: WS #716:1, 3-6 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C **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.**

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Jan. 3-8, '22

Mon Isaiah 50:4-9a The speaker is Jesus, telling us that the Father equipped Him to deliver the Truth to sinners wearied with their burdens (4); His heart was in it (5) all the way to the cross (6). He was determined to endure all the suffering, for He was absolutely, positively sure that *He is near who justifies* (validates and acquits) *Me*. "Nobody—not Satan, death, or hell—will win any confrontation or struggle with Me. Just you wait and see!"

Tues Luke 2:39-52 Because Jesus was born into an Israelite family with godly parents, He became subject to sacred obligations, and His earthly family served to fulfill them (39-42). In Jerusalem Jesus and His caregivers were following diverse priorities (54-46), so they lost one another in the shuffle. Having learned Scriptures at home and synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus was fully prepared for advanced courses in His Father's business.

Wed Hebrews 2:10-18 The key word is *brethren*, and the key thought is that Jesus became our big brother so that He could fight (and win) our battles for us. He was well equipped to survive every skirmish and firefight day after day, year in and year out; trench warfare stopped when He came out the other side of the cemetery—alive and fully functional. All for us, always.

Thurs Psalm 72 The Hebrew hymnal is sectioned according to authorship, and the Davidic section closes with this psalm. What's the subject? God's loving care of His people (1-3), for all time (5), generously (6-7), over the entire planet (8), over all sorts of people (9-11), for all their needs (12) and for salvation (13-14), abundantly (15-16), for their blessing forever (17). Therefore—*blessed be His glorious Name forever! Amen and Amen!*

Fri Luke 2:51-52 Jesus chose to leave the classroom behind, for He obeyed and obliged His parents in all respects. No doubt the Holy Spirit kept His hand in on Jesus' growth in *wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man*. [Godly parents know how to train up their child into adulthood—even if it means taking the child out of formalized education. Home schooling can be done—and done well, as we know from experience.]

Sat Romans 8:33-39 We note that here the Holy Spirit via the Apostle Paul is echoing Jesus' assertion via Isaiah (in Monday's reading): He is near who justifies Me = *It is God who justifies*; Who will contend with Me? = *Who shall bring a charge against God's called?* Who is he who will condemn Me? = *Who is he who condemns?* So, Jesus remains dependable—whether in Isaiah's time or when He walked in our shoes or through years yet to come. He is standing guard over us, just as He has done before—and as He will do throughout the new year. Amen!

✠ Announcements ✠

Thank you to the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift to the called workers!

In case you missed it: Pastor Rodebaugh accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

His last Sunday here at Immanuel is currently planned to be January 16th.

Bible Class and Sunday School are currently on hiatus for Christmas/New Years. The current plan, with Pastor Rodebaugh leaving, is to extend that hiatus until further notice.

Funeral for Paul Sullivan A service of thanksgiving and praise to Christ for the grace shown to His servant Paul Sullivan will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Paul Sullivan was a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary for many years, whose excellent gifts in teaching and preaching were great blessings to countless CLC members, Pastors, and Teachers through the years. Memorials can be designated to **Kinship** or **CLC Missions** (501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701). Contact Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer for further information 651-432-0101 / pastor@bereaclc.org. "*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.*" (Psalm 116:15)

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from Tanzania and reports that there are many new opportunities for Child Evangelism, especially among the Maasai tribes. The pastors of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Zambia are very eager and excited to host volunteers again in July of 2022. The deadline for applications is January 10th. **If any young person is interested in going but is concerned about funding, please speak with Pastor Rodebaugh.** Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa



CLC Call News Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5-8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

INTROIT

Ps. 147:1, 5, 11–12; Jn. 1:14

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- G** **Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- G** **But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**
- P** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- G** **The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**



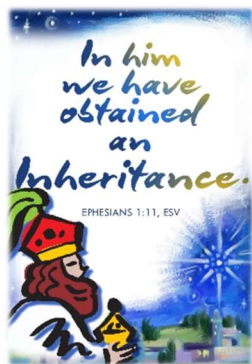
PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 15:15-21 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I

will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for



adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰

as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6:24-26

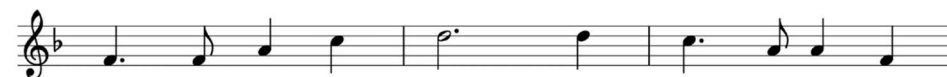
P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

HYMN: Below "Another Year of Grace My Friends"



1. Should all God's bless - ings be for - got And
The LORD, I AM, my Shep - herd is My
2. He leads me to life - giv - ing streams To
Though there be some dark days a - head They



nev - er brought to mind? Should we for - get what
needs He sat - is - fies. He gives to me my
drink with - out a price; He leads me in His
can - not hide my God, For He is with me



grace He's shown Each day to all man - kind?
dai - ly bread And all I need for life.
right - eous-ness, The right - eous-ness of Christ.
as He said With Shep - herd's staff and rod.



An - oth - er year of grace, my friends, has come and now is gone. An -



oth - er year of grace be - gins; For - give - ness in God's Son.

3. The Lamb of God my Shepherd is, His life He lived for mine.
His blood was spilled; His body killed To be our sacrifice.
The living LORD my Shepherd is. Though He was crucified,
His body rose in three days time And now stands glorified. *Refrain*

4. Surely His mercy and His grace Shall follow all life long.
And I will dwell within His house to praise Him with this song:
All glory be to You, O Christ, Who came to set me free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One, Through all eternity. *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

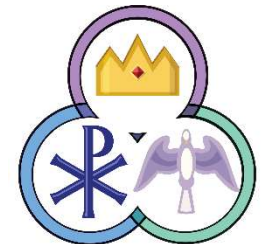
C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

G 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.



THREE IN ONE

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.

HYMN: TLH #367

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

SERMON – Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Following Christ Into the New Year

- I. It won't be easy.
- II. But it will be worth it!

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #422

"Savior, I Follow On"



– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –
Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:



OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

- 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** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Order of Holy Communion



- C** ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



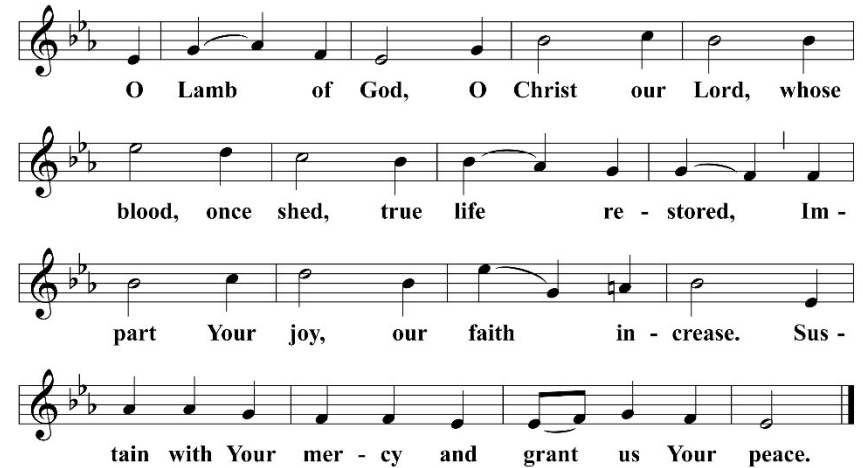
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- 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."

And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!



Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

- P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.