

## **New Year's Eve**

December 31, 2025

5:00 PM

### **Welcome to Our Guests**

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, [vadams@zionharvester.org](mailto:vadams@zionharvester.org), in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

### **Welcome Center**

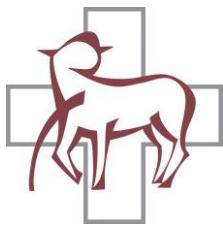
The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

### **Nursery and Cry Room**

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

### **Worship Decorum**

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Three, LSB p. 184*

## Prelude

*Across the Sky the Shades of Night* – arr. Michael Burkhardt

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome

*Stand*

## Sharing of the Peace

*This ancient but significant gesture in worship is a tradition rooted in Scripture. It embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and mouths in the ways of peace.*

*From the beginning Christians have exercised this practice. “Peace be with you” is a greeting that Jesus himself used with his disciples after He had risen from the dead (Luke 24:36). The apostle Paul opened each of his letters with the words “Grace and peace be with you” (Romans 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2).*

*When we share the peace, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21). What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph 4:3).*



## Opening Hymn: 899 - Across the Sky the Shades of Night

sts. 1-2, 4

1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dueed we bow, To You our prayer ad -  
3 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your  
4 fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In  
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And  
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past  
sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last  
all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this  
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,  
hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,  
com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear  
as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,  
Once more Your love en - treat - ing.  
And crown us with Your bless - ing.  
The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Kyrie: Lord Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



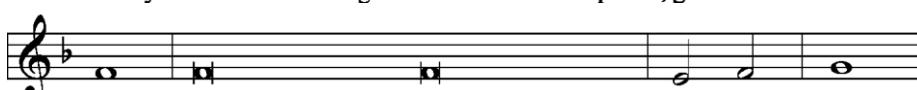
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis: Glory to God on High

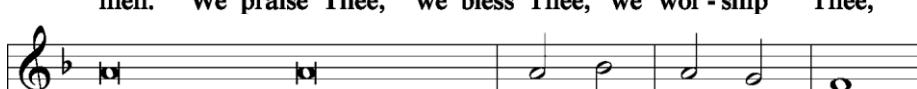
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



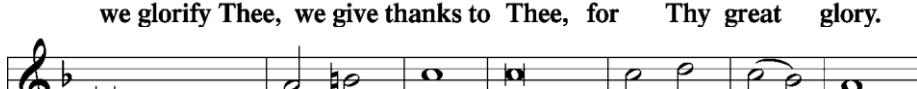
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



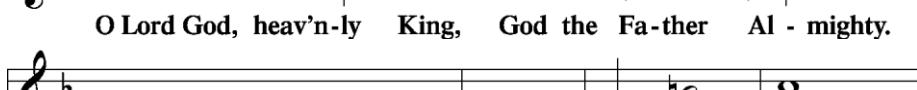
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



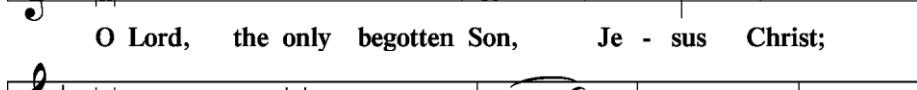
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



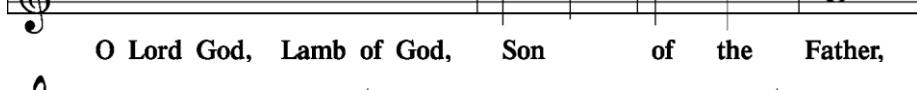
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Greeting

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.  
 Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and command 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.

*Sit*

**A Rebellious People**

<sup>8</sup>And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book,  
that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.

<sup>9</sup>For they are a rebellious people, lying children,  
children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD;

<sup>10</sup>who say to the seers, “Do not see,”  
and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right;  
speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions,

<sup>11</sup>leave the way, turn aside from the path,  
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”

<sup>12</sup>Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,  
“Because you despise this word  
and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them,

<sup>13</sup>therefore this iniquity shall be to you  
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,  
whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;

<sup>14</sup>and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel  
that is smashed so ruthlessly  
that among its fragments not a shard is found  
with which to take fire from the hearth,  
or to dip up water out of the cistern.”

<sup>15</sup>For 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, <sup>16</sup>and 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.

<sup>17</sup>A 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.

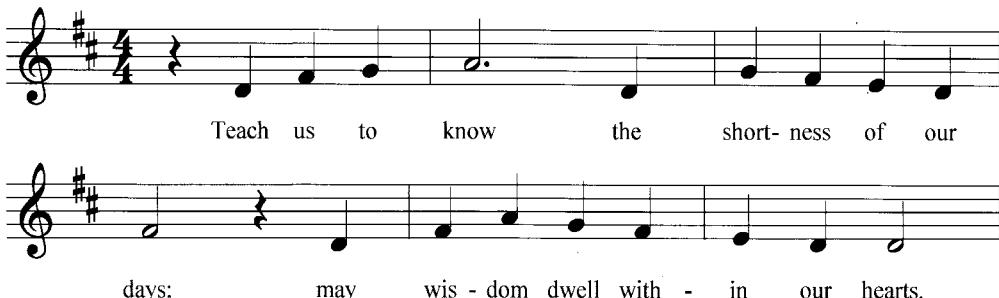
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day: Teach Us to Know

Psalm 90:1-12, ESV

### Refrain



Teach us to know the short- ness of our  
days; may wis - dom dwell with - in our hearts.

**A** Refrain

**C** Refrain

**A** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

**C** Refrain

**A** You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

**C** Refrain

**A** For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**C** Refrain

*Text for verses: ESV*

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## God's Everlasting Love

<sup>31</sup>If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He 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? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who 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. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor 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.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:35–40*

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

A musical score in G clef, common time. The lyrics 'C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the notes. The notes are: quarter note 'C', eighth note 'G', eighth note 'l', eighth note 'o', eighth note 'r', eighth note 'y', quarter note 'b', eighth note 'e', quarter note 't', quarter note 'o', quarter note 'T', 'h', 'e', 'e', quarter note 'O', quarter note 'L', 'o', 'r', 'd'.

### You Must Be Ready

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and 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. <sup>37</sup>Blessed 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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But 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. <sup>40</sup>You 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.

A musical score in G clef, common time. The lyrics 'C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.' are written below the notes. The notes are: quarter note 'C', eighth note 'P', eighth note 'r', eighth note 'a', eighth note 's', eighth note 'e', quarter note 'b', eighth note 'e', quarter note 't', quarter note 'o', quarter note 'T', 'h', 'e', 'e', quarter note 'O', quarter note 'C', 'h', 'r', 'i', 's', 't'.



## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

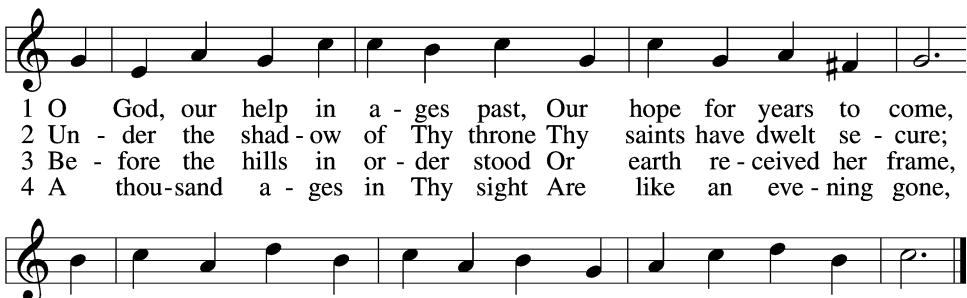
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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.

## Hymn of the Day: 733 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1-6



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 - fence 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

*Stand*

## Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

O God, our help in ages past, we give You thanks and praise for all Your mercies with which You have blessed us and brought us to this moment and time. We recall with thanksgiving family members and other people through whom You have guided and instructed us. Make us to be blessings to those You have given us to care for and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, our hope for years to come, guide Your holy Church to proclaim Your saving name faithfully in all the nations of the earth. Enable pastors and other workers to proclaim and administer Your Gospel that many may bless Your name with thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure. Guard and bless all who suffer illness or adversity in this world, and grant healing and wholeness according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, a thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone. We give thanks to You for all who have gone before us with the sign of faith and who are with You in Your safe keeping. Help us to remain faithful and steadfast, that we also may attain to the day of resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home. Dwell with us even as we dwell in Your Son's body and blood and live and hope in the constant forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear – arr. Jeffrey Biersch*

*Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks. At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.*

*To prepare for communion, please see LSB p. 329, "Christian Questions with Their Answers." Additional communion notes are in the back of this bulletin.*

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.

## The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

## The Peace

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

John 1:29

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the individual tray for those who have medical reasons for not receiving wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at the Baptismal font.

## Distribution Hymn: 878 - Abide with Me

sts. 1, 4, 6

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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## Distribution Hymn: 366 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear

sts. 1-2, 4



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un - furled,  
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.  
When down in - to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

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*Stand*

## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29–32



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.



## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Prayer

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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 peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 390 - Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav-en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad-ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won-der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav-ior dear, Be Thou ev-er near us.

Who, to bid our hearts re-joice, His own Son hath 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.

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## Postlude

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* – arr. Heinrich Fleischer

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## Communion Statement

The Lord's supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin (Matt. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. 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 the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod are unable to receive the Sacrament and are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Those who have questions or concerns are invited to speak with one of the pastors.

## Participants

Preacher:	Rev. Mark Rouland
Liturgist:	Rev. Mike Fieberkorn
Organist:	Mark Thoelke
Soloist:	Teresa Thoelke
Acolyte:	Josh Helmkamp
Elder:	Gary Adams
Ushers:	Barker Team