

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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Opening Hymn: 125 *"The Old Year Now hath Passed Away"*

Our Worship Service:

(from: "The Order of the Confessional Service" TLH pg 46)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

Congregation : (sung) "Amen"

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: † Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: † A broken and a contrite heart, O God,
Thou wilt not despise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: World without end. A-men.

Responsive Reading:

from Psalm 118

P: Let Israel now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: Let the house of Aaron now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the LORD now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

P: I called on the LORD in distress;

C: The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

P: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

C: What can man do to me?

P: The LORD is my strength and song,

C: And He has become my salvation.

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save now, I pray, O LORD;

C: O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C: We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

P: God is the LORD, And He has given us light;

C: Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

P: You are my God, and I will praise You;

C: You are my God, I will exalt You.

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

C: For His mercy endures forever.

Collect:

P: Let us pray - Lord God, heavenly Father, because You sent us Your only-begotten Son for our salvation and gave Him the name of Jesus, grant that we may begin the New Year trusting in His saving name and live all our days in His service and praise to the glory of His holy name; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: † Amen.

Scripture Lessons

*"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

1 Timothy 6:3-21 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown

men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. 17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

Matthew 6:25-34 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

"I Believe ..."

Luther's Explanation to the First Article

I believe that God has made me with all creatures, giving me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my faculties;

And that He still preserves me; therefore richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil;

And all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, and to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn: 110

"Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

Sermon - Proverbs 30:5-9

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. 7 Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): 8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches -- Feed me with the food allotted to me; 9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

TWO PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR:

-The content of these prayers

- The basis for these prayers

Offertory:

P: Now these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

† Pour down Thy grace in cheering streams
And warm my heart with mercy's beams
From heav'n, Thy throne of beauty;
Thy Spirit ever lead and guide
That in my calling I abide And find my joy in duty.
Send light And might
That each measure, Plan and pleasure,
Heav'n-ward tending,
E'er in Thee may find its ending. Amen
(TLH 546:4)

Offering - Prayers - Lord's Prayer

Communion Preparation:

ALL: † I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good! (315:1)

Pastor: The Exhortation to Communicants

ALL: † Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly
That humbly falls before Thy feet,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Thy merit pleads as it is meet.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good! (315:7)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart:
Do you confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?
C: I DO CONFESS
- P: Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?
C: I DO REPENT
- P: Do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
C: I DO BELIEVE
- P: Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Ghost you will henceforth amend your sinful life
C: I DO PROMISE
- P: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?
C: I DO BELIEVE
- P: Words of Absolution
- P: The Lord will give strength unto His people
C: † The Lord will bless His people with peace. (pg 49)
- P: Let us pray: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that by You, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.
C: † "Amen" (pg 49)

- *Words of Institution* -
- *Distribution of the Lord's Supper* -

Nunc Dimittis

(Worship Supplement pages 20-21)

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O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: † My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

P: The Benediction

C: † Amen. (pg 49)

Closing Hymn: 123

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

SEND FORTH YOUR
LIGHT AND TRUTH,
YOUR
LET THEM
GUIDE
ME...
PSALM 43:3

