

Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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7:00 p.m. Divine Service

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2021 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshipping with us today, whether at home or in person. Those joining us in person who are not fully COVID-19 vaccinated are asked to wear masks, especially when singing. Please follow the instructions given by Pastor and the ushers to maintain a healthy environment for all present.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Prayer requests may be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision:

Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,
we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



AS WE GATHER TODAY

In various communities throughout the world, New Year's Eve is referred to as "Watch Night." It is not uncommon to find followers of Jesus gather in homes and in churches on this night to "keep watch" and pray as one year ends and another year arrives. Some say that these traditions date back to December 31, 1862, when enslaved Christians trimmed their lamps and, with great anticipation, waited for the clock to strike midnight. At the stroke of midnight, the Emancipation Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln went into effect, and many slaves would celebrate their newfound freedom. As we gather with fellow believers tonight, we reflect on the year that is nearly over and the one that is soon to begin. Just as our gracious Savior was faithful in the past, He will remain with us in the coming year. Let us also keep watch and, with great anticipation, be ready for His appearing and the salvation He comes to bring.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Please Stand

✘ SERVICE OF LIGHT ✘

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness
People: **and illumine Your Church.**

HYMN 516

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride-groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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COLLECT "Thanksgiving for Light" *LSB*, p. 245

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

People: **may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;**

Pastor: for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM *Psalms 141* *LSB*, p. 141

Pastor: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

People: **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

Pastor: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

Pastor: Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;

People: **keep watch over the door of my lips!**

Pastor: Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity,

People: **and let me not eat of their delicacies!**

Pastor: But my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my Lord; in You I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

Pastor: Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers!

People: **Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.**

**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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending.
We commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come.

Pastor: In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit
People: **that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

PSALM *Psalms 90:1–12*

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
People: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”
People: **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

Pastor: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
People: **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

Pastor: For we are brought to an end by Your anger; by Your wrath we are dismayed.
People: **You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

Pastor: For all our days pass away under Your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
People: **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.**

Pastor: Who considers the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear of You?
People: **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**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.**

Be Seated

READING *Romans 8:31b–39* (Nothing can separate you from God's love in Christ.)

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.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

READING Luke 12:35–40

(Keep your lamps burning as you watch for the Son of Man to come.)

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.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lector: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

People: **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Be Seated

HYMN 899 “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -
3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your
4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your



fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
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
grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our
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
 strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day
 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.
 Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
 The joys of heav - en shar - ing.

5 Then, gracious God, in years to come,
 We pray Your hand may guide us,
 And, onward through our journey home,
 Your mercy walk beside us
 Until at last our ransomed life
 Is safe from peril, toil, and strife
 When heav'n itself shall hide us.

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SERMON

HYMN 763 "When Peace, like a River"

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Kneel or Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Based on *LSB*, p. 249

Pastor: In peace let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all leaders in our family of faith, and for all who proclaim the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our country, for all nations of the world, and for all who lead and govern us in the new year that is soon to come, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace to the troubled, justice to the oppressed, and freedom to the captives, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our families and our children, for our loved ones wherever they may be, that they rest in our Savior's constant care, let us keep watch and pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

People: **Alleluia.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silent prayer to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past year and His promise to remain with us in the year that is to come.

Pastor: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us keep watch and commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

People: **To You, O Lord.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE *LSB*, p. 251, adapt.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness as we keep watch for Your reappearing;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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.**

Please Stand

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Thanking God for His faithfulness in the year now past, let us enter into the New Year confident of His blessing:

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN 878 "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Altar Guild and the Congregation.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias to decorate the beautiful Altar:

THOSE WHO GAVE IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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