

# New Year's Eve

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Mount Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas

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*We realize that it is difficult for some to stand, or to kneel, for long periods of time. Please feel free to sit as necessary during the liturgy and the prayers. Sitting during the confession is also appropriate for those who cannot kneel.*

## PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN: Across the Sky the Shades of Night

LSB 899



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  
5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



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  
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



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,  
mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our



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,  
ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife



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.  
When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): James Hamilton, 1819-96, alt.; (st. 4): Gregory J. Wismar, 1946

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## INVOCATION

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

**C Amen.**

**P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone.**

**P** For to us a child is born,

**C to us a Son is given;**

**P** And the government shall rest upon his shoulder.

**C And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**

**P** Of the increase of his government and of peace

**C there will be no end!**

**P** for to us a child is born

**C to us a Son is given.**

*Isaiah 9*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C Amen.**

**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.**

*Kneel*

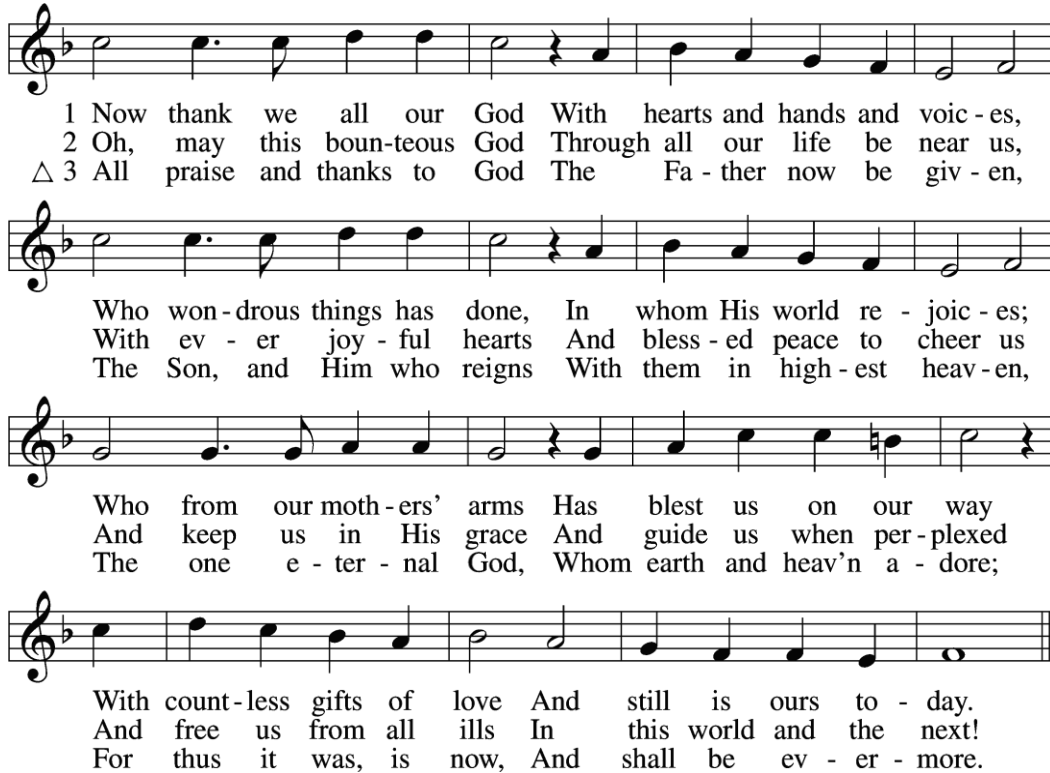
**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**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.**

**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.**

*Stand*



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
 Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
 Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
 With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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## COLLECT

**P** Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**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.**

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN:** Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

**SERMON:** The New Year's Gospel

GALATIANS 3:23-29

Rev. Michael Middaugh

*Stand***OFFERTORY:** Give Thanks

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**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.

**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, 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 be drawn to the love of 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

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strength us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

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

**LORD'S PRAYER**

- 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.**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**1** O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
**2** O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour. When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -

dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,

Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -

save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

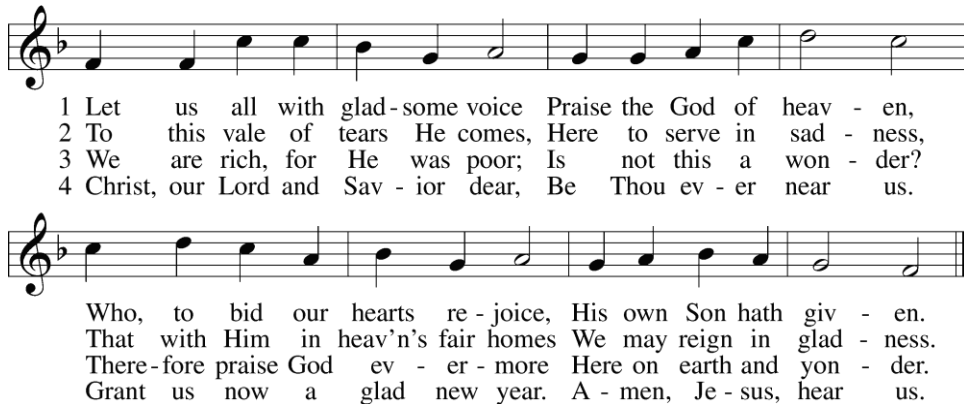
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## LSB 390 Let Us All With Gladsome Voice



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.

Text: German, 17th cent.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Ander Theil Des Dresdzenischen GesangBuchs, 1632, Dresden

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## 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: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and  
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

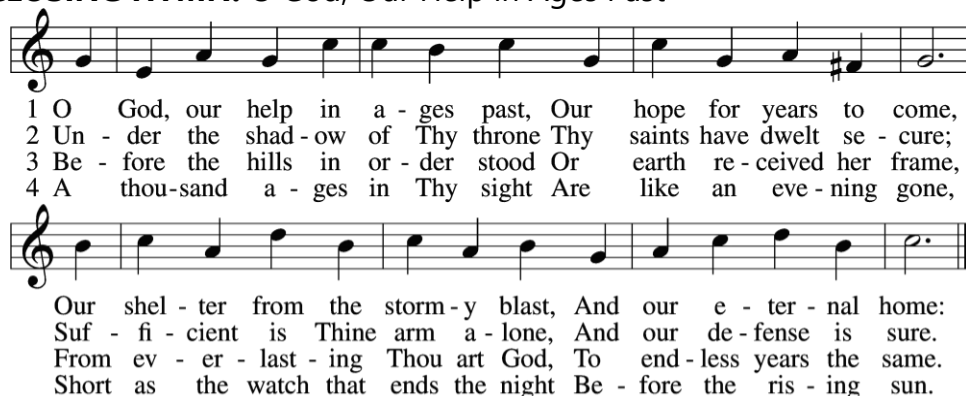
## BENEDICTION

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733



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 - fense 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!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727

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## POSTLUDE

### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Michael Middaugh  
Organist: Rev. Craig Meissler  
Elders: Jim Koenig Lamar Gillian  
Ushers: Martin Aguilar

### HOLY COMMUNION:

- If you are a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to take communion, please indicate on the Attendance Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Because participation in the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of the Christian Faith which is confessed at this altar (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:3; 4:16; 6:3-10; 2 Tim. 1:13; Rom. 16:17) those who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to respectfully refrain from participation today and speak with a pastor after the Divine Service. If you are not communing but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest once you are kneeled at the communion rail.
- Both the common and individual cups are offered at each table simultaneously. If you desire the common cup, **please hold your hands open** and the Pastor will provide it to you, while the Elders serve the individual cups. It is proper to take hold of the cup when receiving the common cup. This helps prevent spilling and greatly assists the Pastor.

### ALCOHOL-REMOVED WINE/GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE:

- For those who are allergic, or for health reasons, and unable to drink regular wine, alcohol-removed wine is available for Holy Communion. The alcohol-removed wine is white in color and is in the three individual cups in the center of each tray.
- Gluten-free wafers made from rice flour are also available. Please notify one of the pastors before the service that you would prefer the gluten-free option. The reception of this wine and the gluten-free wafers in no way affects the theological meaning or benefits of this Sacrament.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** may be picked up from the narthex. Please discard any old offering envelopes you may have. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like to, please contact Susan in the church office.