

# New Year's Eve

December 31, 2025



The Lord's Redeemed Remember



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## **Welcome to Worship**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## **Prepare for Worship**

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord’s Supper, read through the “Christian Questions” on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## **Today’s Focus for Worship – The Lord’s Redeemed Remember**

As one year ends and another begins, we naturally pause and reflect on life. We ponder the changes of the last year, the changes of the last decade, and even the changes over the course of our lives. What a comfort it is to know that we have a God who never changes! And just as he himself does not change, so his word and promises do not change. As we end one year and enter another, we, the Lord’s redeemed, remember the Lord’s promise, “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more” (Isa 43:25).

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Accompanist: Cindy Klink

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# The Service

## *The Lord's Redeemed Remember*



### Opening Hymn

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away | 71:1-2 (CW 1993)

*Please stand to sing the hymn.*

1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,  
2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the

O our God, to - day That you have kept us  
Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your

through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.  
Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.

### Invocation

*Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Responsory

*Psalms 90*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
**throughout all generations.**

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,  
**from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn people back to dust, saying,  
**“Return to dust, you mortals.”**

A thousand years in your sight  
**are like a day that has just gone by.**

You have set our iniquities before you,  
**our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

Our days may come to seventy years,  
**or eighty, if our strength endures;**

yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
**for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

Teach us to number our days,  
**that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
**that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*1 John 1:8-9*

Holy and merciful Father,  
**As I remember and review my life throughout the year now ending, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have hurt the people around me in my life and have dishonored you with my wickedness. I plead for your mercy and rely on your love.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I pronounce you forgiven in the sight of God the Father, the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, who declares, “I remember your sins no more!”

**Amen.**

## Hymn Response

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away | st. 3-5

3. Take not your saving Word away, which lights and cheers our souls each day.  
Abide with us and keep us free from error and hypocrisy.
4. Oh, help us to forsake all sin, a new and holier life begin!  
Forgive the old year's sins, and bless the new year with true happiness,
5. Wherein as Christians we may live or die in peace that you can give,  
To rise again when you will come and enter your eternal home.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn Response

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away | st. 6

6. There shall we thank you and adore with all the angels evermore.  
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith to praise your name through life and death.

*Be seated*

## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:31-33; 2:6-7

<sup>31</sup>“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.  
<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Joy Has Dawned | 352:1,4

1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—  
4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!

but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Jesus' Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with



his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370:1,2



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see  
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God

and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!

O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and  
In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch

my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.  
is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.

Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,

Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.  
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.

<sup>2</sup>A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."  
<sup>3</sup>Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

<sup>30</sup>Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. <sup>31</sup>The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.



Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service | 766:1,4

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift that you impart.
4. Sent from worship as your servants, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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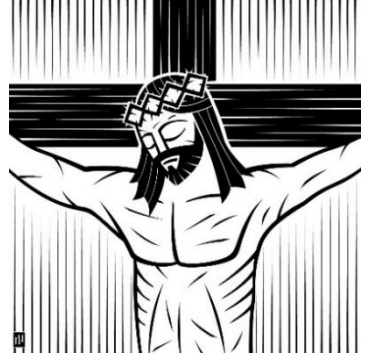


## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Jesus' Passion

Isaiah 53:4-6; John 19:30

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Hymn

Upon the Cross Extended | 434:1,3,4

1. Upon the cross extended, see, world, your Lord suspended;  
your Savior yields his breath.  
The Prince of life from heaven himself has freely given  
to shame and blows and bitter death.
3. I caused your grief and sighing by evils multiplying  
as countless as the sands.  
I caused the woes unnumbered with which your soul is cumbered,  
your sorrows raised by wicked hands.
4. Your soul in griefs unbounded, your head with thorns surrounded,  
you died to ransom me.  
The cross for me enduring, the crown for me securing,  
you healed my wounds and set me free.

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## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Jesus' Resurrection

Matthew 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.



Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands | 440:1,4

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and  
fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he  
death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with  
stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
life, the reign of death was end - ed.

There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is

God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of  
swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Jesus' Ascension

Acts 1:7-11

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”



Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. “You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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## The Lord's Redeemed Remember

2 Timothy 3:14-17

### God's Word Preached at St. John's and Our Reformation Heritage

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

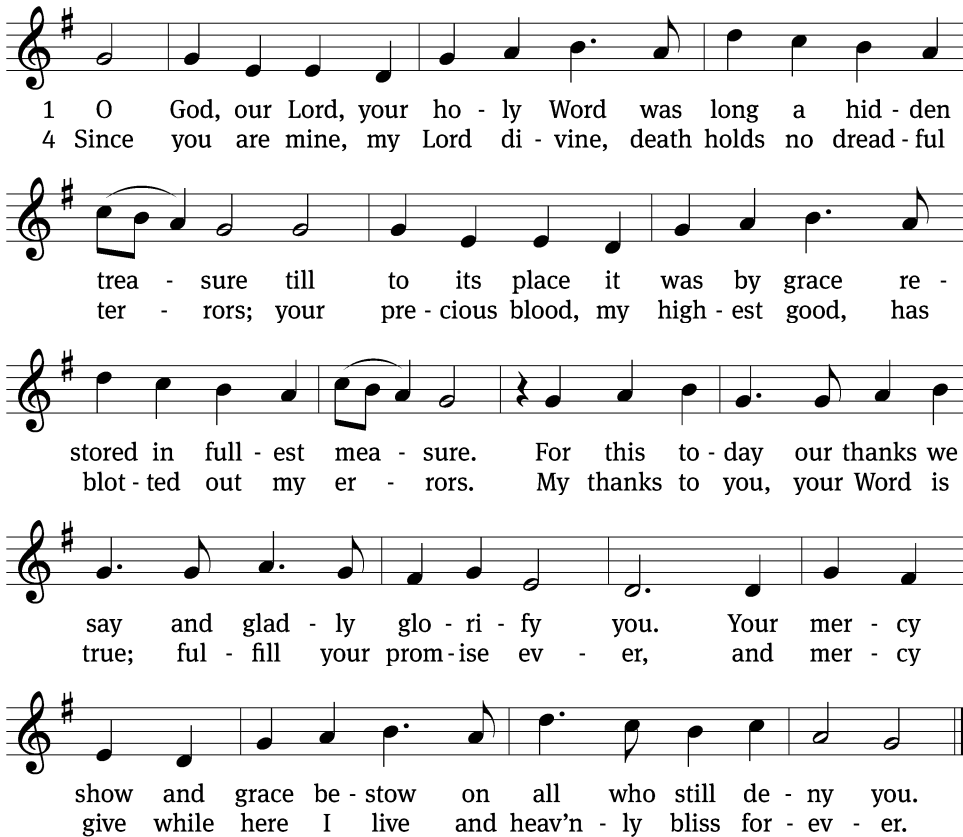


Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word | 643:1,4



1 O God, our Lord, your ho - ly Word was long a hid - den  
4 Since you are mine, my Lord di - vine, death holds no dread - ful

trea - sure till to its place it was by grace re -  
ter - rors; your pre - cious blood, my high - est good, has

stored in full - est mea - sure. For this to - day our thanks we  
blot - ted out my er - rors. My thanks to you, your Word is

say and glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy  
true; ful - fill your prom - ise ev - er, and mer - cy

show and grace be - stow on all who still de - ny you.  
give while here I live and heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

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## The Lord's Redeemed Remember Our Own Baptism and Those Baptized at St. John's in 2025

John 3:5-6; Titus 3:4-8

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things.

## Those Baptized at St. John's in 2025

Grayson Kopecky  
Jett Schuler  
Haisley Schuler  
Sadie Maier  
Grace Fiedler  
Lydia Mattila  
Finn Mattila  
Declan Mattila

Otto Riggs  
Isla Riggs  
Jameson Fincutter  
Jacklyn Goller  
Nelly Gill  
Caroline Johannesen  
Amelia Fincutter  
Wesley Miller

Charlotte Schubring  
McKinley McIntyre  
Brooks McIntyre  
Kayla Wise  
Adalyn Rodrigue  
Dominic Jay  
Britney Farmer  
Allister Brunke



Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on all who have been baptized that we may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured | 685:1,3,5

1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed  
3 My sin - ful self was cru - ci - fied with Christ, as  
5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of

with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us  
if I, too, had died; and as he rose, I al - so  
bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I

free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.  
rise to live with strength that he sup - plies.  
fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

## The Lord's Redeemed Remember

John 15:4-8

### Our Own Confirmation and Those Confirmed at St. John's in 2025

<sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### Those Confirmed at St. John's in 2025

Robert Barnard  
Megan Frohmader  
Anastasia Kaiser  
Madilynn Lahmann  
Cerington Naber

Eleiana Pope  
Sophia Swantz  
Gradin Timm  
Kayla Wise  
Ashley Morgan

Ryan Mattila  
Lauryn Mattila  
Britney Farmer  
Cody Weber



O God, your Holy Spirit grows and governs the whole body of the church. Sanctify and keep those who dedicate themselves to your service. Renew them in body and mind that they may eagerly serve you in the unity of the faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

Draw Us to Thee | 700:1,3,5

1. Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy steps forever  
and hasten on where thou art gone to be with thee, dear Savior.
3. Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way lest we should stray and from thy paths be driven.
5. Draw us to thee unceasingly; into thy kingdom take us.  
Let us fore'er thy glory share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## The Lord's Redeemed Remember

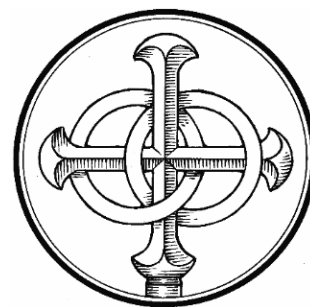
1 John 4:7-12

### The Joy of Family, Our Own Wedding, and Those Married at St. John's in 2025

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

### Those Married through St. John's in 2025

Gavin Ellerbrock and Jalyn Wood



Eternal God, source of love, help all married couples to fulfill the promises they have made to each other and to reflect your unfailing love in their love for each other. Give them kindness and patience, affection and understanding, happiness and contentment.

Encourage their family and friends to support them in difficult days, that their love for each other may continue to grow as long as they live. Gracious Father, in your goodness you bring people together into families and enrich their lives with abundant blessings. Renew the love of husbands and wives, parents and children, that they may strengthen and support one another on the way that leads to our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

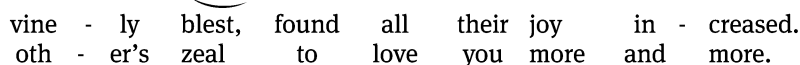
### Hymn

Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest | 763:1,5

1 Lord, when you came as wel - come guest to  
5 On all who thus be - fore you kneel your

Ca - na's wed - ding feast, the brid - al pair, di -  
joy - ous Spir - it pour that each may wake the





*Stand*

## **The Lord's Redeemed Remember Our Lord's Holy Supper**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **Holy Communion Distribution**

*St. John's Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of St. John's, or members of a church in fellowship with St. John's, come forward for Communion. Our pastoral staff would be happy to set up a time to discuss this, and any teaching of Scripture, with you.*

## **Distribution Hymns**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | 663

Draw Near | 662

*Stand*

**Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### Give Thanks and Rededicate Ourselves to Christ for the Coming Year

<sup>14</sup>“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup>It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

*Be seated*

### Offering

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.*

### Closing Prayer

It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

**You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself — all these come to us from your generous hand.

**You know what we need, and you give us all good things. We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.**

We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

**Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

**We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close.**

**Lord's Prayer** *Pater Noster*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

**Blessing** *Aaronic Benediction*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

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