

# Luther Memorial Church & School

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8*



**7pm New Year's Eve Worship Service:  
Thanking God for this past year...**

*Pre-service devotion: Recalling God's Blessings - Psalm 90 (TLH pg. 143)*

**The Order of Worship – As follows**

**OPENING HYMN: #715 [Tan Supplement]**

**THE INVOCATION**

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**Pastor:** We close the year tonight, worshipping our Lord God, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Sing** 🎵 #110 Across the sky the shades of night  
This New Year's Eve are fleeting.  
We deck Thine altar, Lord, with light,  
In solemn worship meeting;  
And as the year's last hours go by,  
We raise to Thee our earnest cry,  
Once more Thy love entreating.

**Confession and Absolution of Sins**

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**P:** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C:** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**Sing** 🎵 #110 Before the cross subdued we bow,  
To Thee our prayers addressing,  
Recounting all Thy mercies now,  
And all our sins confessing;  
Beseeching Thee this coming year  
To keep us in Thy faith and fear  
And crown us with Thy blessing.

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Sing** 🎵 #110 And while we pray, we lift our eyes  
To dear ones gone before us,  
Safe home with Thee in Paradise,  
Whose peace descendeth o'er us;  
And beg of Thee, when life is past,  
To reunite us all at last  
With those who've gone before us.

**ALL:** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your

bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

**Sing** 🎵 #110 We gather up in this brief hour  
The memory of Thy mercies:  
Thy wondrous goodness, love, and pow'r  
Our grateful song rehearses;  
For Thou hast been our Strength and Stay  
In many a dark and dreary day  
Of sorrow and reverses.

P: Jesus Christ is the satisfactory payment for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Sing** 🎵 #110 In many an hour when fear and dread,  
Like evil spells, have bound us  
And clouds were gathering overhead,  
Thy providence hath found us.  
In many a night when seas ran high,  
Thy gracious presence, drawing nigh,  
Hath made all calm around us.

Then, O great God, in years to come,  
Whatever may betide us,  
Right onward through our journey home  
Be Thou at hand to guide us;  
Nor leave us till at close of life  
Safe from all perils, toil, and strife,  
Heaven shall enfold and hide us.

**CHRISTMAS PSALMODY: Psalm 96** *(Sung responsively)* p.26 of WS

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE HYMN: #111 [Red Hymnal]**

***New Year's Eve Meditation:***

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**“What have I lacked this past year?”**

**Deuteronomy 2:7** "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."

***Verbal Confession of Sins (Red Hymnal pg. 48)  
Institution of Lord's Supper***

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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*Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer: pg. 118 [Red Hymnal]*

***Our practice of Communion*** (see blue handout in entryway track rack)

We believe that God desires full unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Luther Memorial and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service, we'd love to have you!

**COMMUNION HYMN: #305 [Red Hymnal]**

**OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD**

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**SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #113 [Red Hymnal]**

Silent Prayer

*Thank you for joining us today! Guests please sign our guest book in the entryway and we hope you will come again!*

**“JESUS is the reason for the season.”**

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**10am NEW YEAR'S DAY Worship Service tomorrow morning!**