

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

December 31, 2024

Hymn 367 - "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,
C: **The light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, for it is evening,
C: **And the day is almost over.**

P: Let your light scatter the darkness.
C: **Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson - Psalm 90

Hymn 820 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon: "Make the Most of Your Time" Psalm 90

The Roll Call ... our loved ones who were called to eternal life during the past year

Audrey Belling

P: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
C: **and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

Rosemarie Mittelstadt

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
C: **I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

The congregation remains standing and sings:

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Preparation for Holy Communion and Confession of Sins

P: What does God tell you about yourself in his holy Word?
C: **He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.**

P: When you realize that you have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should you do?
C: **I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.**

P: Let us now confess our sins.
C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: How do you receive God's gracious forgiveness?
C: **His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.**

P: In faith, receive with believing hearts, God's precious gift of forgiveness:
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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen. (spoken)**

P: What further assurance do you have that Jesus is yours and you are his?
C: **In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but also sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.**

P: How will you respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?
C: **I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help, I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.**

Prayer *(spoken by Pastor)*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude we now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen us to remain in you as you remain in us, so that we bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Words of Institution

“O Christ, Lamb of God” *(hymnal, page 169)*

Distribution Hymn: 661: *“Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord”*

Closing Liturgy: *(hymnal, page 170)*

The Benediction

Amen. Amen. Amen. *(sung)*

Closing Hymn: 789 - *“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”*



Blessings to you in the year ahead!