



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
New Year’s Eve
December 31, 2023 6:00 PM

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ! Please sign attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



Prelude

Hymn “Once in Royal David’s City” **376**

Confession and Absolution **184-5**

Introit **Ps. 98:1-3; antiphon: Ps. 124:8**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P The LORD has made known his salvation;

C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
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.**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, **186-189**
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us

with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(sung)* **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:8-17 ESV

And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.
For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling to hear
the instruction of the LORD;
who say to the seers, “Do not see,”
and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,
leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”
Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
“Because you despise this word
and trust in oppression and perverseness
and rely on them,
therefore this iniquity shall be to you
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,
whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;
and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel
that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a shard is found
with which to take fire from the hearth,
or to dip up water out of the cistern.”
For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
But you were unwilling, and you said,
“No! We will flee upon horses”;
therefore you shall flee away;
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
at the threat of five you shall flee,

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

“Away in a Manger”

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Epistle

Romans 8:31b-39 ESV

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 12:35-40 ESV

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

C *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and 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. Blessed 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. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But 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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 191

Hymn “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” 900

Sermon “Look Forward, not Backward” **St. Luke 12:35-40**

Offering

Hymn “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” 366

Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Final petition:

P Lord God, heavenly Father, abide among us in this new year with Your Holy Spirit, that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament 194-202

Distribution Hymns 524, 899, 362

Closing Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” 733

Postlude

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