

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31, 2016**

Officiate
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister
7:00 pm-George Feller

Acolyte
7:00 pm-Nathan Kehl

Musician
Kathy Fortlage

Altar Guild
Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas

AS WE GATHER

The Lutheran hymnwriter Jaroslav Vajda pens these words in his hymn for the New Year entitled "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year":

With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace! *LSB 896:5*

This stanza recognizes that there are uncertainties in this new year. Will we be in want? Will we enjoy prosperity? Will there be circumstances in our world, nation, and family that tempt us to be fearful? In the face of future unknowns, take comfort in what is known about the new year—the loving grace of God. We can be certain that no matter what this year brings, God's grace shown in Jesus Christ our Savior is sufficient. And so, "Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace Another year of grace" *LSB 896* refrain.

For Our Guests:
Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN *LSB 390 "Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"*

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, You have been our dwelling place

People: **In all generations.**

Pastor: So teach us to number our days

People: **That we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

People: **And establish the work of our hands upon us;**

All: **Yes, establish the work of our hands!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In today's Psalm, we are reminded of our own mortality. Moses writes, "You return man to dust and say, 'Return, O children of man!'" We are by nature sinful and unclean. We sin daily throughout the year. We recognize that the wages of sin is death. At the close of this year, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: "If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

All: **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 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.

Please Be Seated

+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT + *We celebrate the Lord's Supper*

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

Pastor: *Celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in the true Christian faith. In the Sacrament we are joined in a very close, personal and intimate way with Christ and with one another. We believe that when a person partakes of the Sacrament they are also confessing their unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. In his small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us guidelines for self-examination of our faith and our worthiness to receive Christ's atoning lifeblood. Therefore, we welcome all to the Lord's Table who first have been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are in agreement with this statement, and then with heartfelt conviction can boldly proclaim...*

People: **I believe that...**

- + Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil;**
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness;**
- + Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament, and the bread and wine I receive are the true body and blood of Christ;**
- + God assures me that my sins have been forgiven and that I have life and salvation through faith in Him;**
- + And then as He enables me, I pledge to amend my sinful life, to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

We ask that all visitors and guests who may wish to receive the Sacrament kindly speak to an Elder or the Pastor before or after the service.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; 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 know and love those things that 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 singing:

SANCTUS LSB 384 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” vss. 4 & 5

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(For those with dietary restrictions, we offer non-alcoholic wine in the cups in the center of the individual trays.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 385 “From East to West”
LSB 366 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this year; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me in this new year. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

PSALM Psalm 90:1–12 “Teach us to number our days.”

Read Responsively

Pastor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;

People: **Yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
**For a thousand years in Your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
**For we are brought to an end by Your anger;
by Your wrath we are dismayed.**

You have set our iniquities before You,
our secret sins in the light of Your presence.
**For all our days pass away under Your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
**Yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of Your anger,
and Your wrath according to the fear of You?
**So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands!

WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:8–14, 15–17 "A signal on a hill"

⁸ Go now, write it on a tablet for them,
inscribe it on a scroll,
that for the days to come
it may be an everlasting witness.

⁹ For these are rebellious people, deceitful children,
children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction.

¹⁰ They say to the seers,

“See no more visions!”
 and to the prophets,
 “Give us no more visions of what is right!
 Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.
¹¹ Leave this way,
 get off this path,
 and stop confronting us
 with the Holy One of Israel!”
¹² Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel says:
 “Because you have rejected this message,
 relied on oppression and depended on deceit,
¹³ this sin will become for you
 like a high wall, cracked and bulging,
 that collapses suddenly, in an instant.
¹⁴ It will break in pieces like pottery,
 shattered so mercilessly
 that among its pieces not a fragment will be found
 for taking coals from a hearth
 or scooping water out of a cistern.”
¹⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:
 “In repentance and rest is your salvation,
 in quietness and trust is your strength,
 but you would have none of it.
¹⁶ You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’
 Therefore you will flee!
 You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’
 Therefore your pursuers will be swift!
¹⁷ A thousand will flee at the threat of one;
 at the threat of five
 you will all flee away,
 till you are left
 like a flagstaff on a mountaintop,
 like a banner on a hill.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31–39 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us,
 who can be against us? ³² He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave
 Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us
 all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has
 chosen? It is God Who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No

one. Christ Jesus Who died—more than that, Who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:35–40 Be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 899 “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

SERMON

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU

As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.

To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.

OFFERING HYMN

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Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth
Yours is the promise, the blessing and the birth,
Ours the rejoicing for the Word given flame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your holy name;
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God yours alone.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we approach a new year, let us pray to our God Who has been our help in ages past and will be our hope for years to come.

O God, our help, You have been our rock and fortress in times past. As we look forward to the new year, we ask that You would grant us faith to look to You as our hope for years to come.

People: **O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**

Pastor: O God, our help, You have blessed Your saints on earth with Your presence, and You welcome to Your nearer presence those who have died in Christ. Give us hearts that trust in You to defend us in the new year and to dwell with You for all eternity.

People: **Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

Pastor: O God, our help, You are eternal—without beginning or end. As the circumstances of life change and the creation longs for Christ's return, give us eyes of faith to see that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

People: Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Pastor: O God, our help, to You a thousand years are like a day, and a day like a thousand years. Give to us patience that we may await Your Son's return with eager hearts knowing that Your timing is perfect.

People: A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Pastor: O God, our help, as the old year comes to an end, we recognize our own mortality. We remember those who have passed before us this last year: *Geraldine Campbell, Lillian Pieper, Eldoris Kuehl, Allen Kintopp and Max Grosenick*. In the face of death, comfort us with the hope of the resurrection, and during this life, "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

People: Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

Pastor: O God, our help, in this new year, keep us ever mindful of our Savior's words: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

People: O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Pastor: O Lord, into Your hands we commend this new year, trusting in Your mercy,

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

All: 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.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: So teach us to number our days

People: **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

CLOSING PRAISE LSB 883 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” vss. 1-4

POSTLUDE

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Christmas Service Schedule

New Year's Day-January 1

9 a.m.

Children's Bulletin & Basket

There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional stimulation to keep them interested. These items are there for your children to enjoy. Please return items to the basket at the end of the service.

Members

In the event that you or your family may need Pastoral care or comfort, please don't assume that the Pastor or church office has been contacted by the facility you have been admitted to. Due to certain policies, some places cannot share that you or a loved one has been admitted and are in need of comfort or counseling and many times the church is notified days after an admittance to a facility has happened. In your time of need, please don't hesitate to contact the Pastor by calling his cell number or the church office, which are listed on the back of the bulletin or Grapevine.

Visitors

Visitors are asked to stop at the welcome center in the narthex where you will find information about our church, newsletters, devotional materials and other items we hope you will find helpful. Please be sure to sign the attendance book that you find in the pew and is passed around during the offering.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Serving January 8, 2016

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-Todd Kuehl

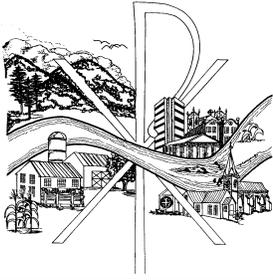
10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolyte

8:00 am-Zachary Kuehl

10:30 am-Sean Ellis

The 2017 Church Offering Envelopes are in the Narthex for pickup.



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to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ
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St. Peter's – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for nearly 130 years.

LLS Program Staff

Julia Wackt–Principal
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Pam Bartee – 5th & 6th Grade
Julia Wackt– 7th & 8th Grade
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Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days
8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day*

We Celebrate Two Sacraments

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) &

LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

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