

Be strong and courageous,
Do not be afraid or terrified
because of them, for the Lord
your God goes with you; He
will never leave you
nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2017

Officiate
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AS WE GATHER

Near the close of Deuteronomy, there is an account of how Moses gave directions to Joshua entrusting to him the leadership of the people of Israel. Moses encouraged his successor with these words: "Be strong and courageous. It is the Lord Who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." As we conclude this calendar year and look toward the future and a new year, we can be confident that wherever we are going, not only is the Lord going before us, but He is also for us as we go.

For Our Guests:

Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

LSB 726 "Evening And Morning"

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It's a new year. The old has gone; the new has come. Or has it? Don't we tend to drag all our old worries and fears and problems into the new year with us? And then we look ahead and wonder—and perhaps even fear—what the new year will bring, whether joy or sorrow, blessing or trouble, sickness or health.

The beginning of a new year can be exciting and fresh. It can also be daunting and depressing as we realize the things we should have said, should have accomplished, or on the other hand, those things we should not have said or done.

The new year gives us a time for pause and reflection. A good way for us to reflect is to use God's own Word as a mirror, to show us ourselves as we look according to God's Law.

We're going to use the Catechism to help us reflect and repent this evening. We'll then take a moment to reflect silently on the past year and to confess our sins according to each commandment.

People: **The First Commandment—You shall have no other gods. What does this mean?**
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Pastor: Where has your trust been this year? Where will it be in the coming year? We take a few moments to reflect on this commandment and to repent of our sins.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Second Commandment—You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?**
We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Pastor: How have you used God's name this past year? How can you use it appropriately in the coming year? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Third Commandment—Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?**
We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Pastor: This commandment is about the Word of God. What part has the Word of God played in your life this past year? Have you despised preaching? Have you regularly and diligently studied the Word? What about in the coming year? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Fourth Commandment—Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?**
We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Pastor: We all have or have had parents. We are all subject to a variety of authorities. This commandment applies to us all, not only to the children among us. What has your relationship with parents and authorities been like this year? How might it change in the year ahead? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Fifth Commandment—You shall not murder. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Pastor: This seems like such an easy commandment to keep, that is, until we understand it in its fullness as Luther expounds it in his explanation. Then we find that it's not so easy. Whom have you hurt or harmed? Whom have you failed to help? Will this change in the new year? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Sixth Commandment—You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Pastor: Again, this one seems pretty easy, but then we hear what Jesus tells us: "I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart." This commandment has to do also with our thoughts and words and not only our actions. Our lives and hearts are to be pure and decent. How have you broken this commandment this year, and what can you do differently in the year ahead? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Seventh Commandment—You shall not steal. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Pastor: Like the Fifth and Sixth Commandments, this is bigger than it seems. Most of us don't out-and-out steal things. But the explanation helps us see our guilt here as well. Read again the explanation and examine yourself. What have you done or not done? What will you do or not do? We pause to reflect and repent.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: **The Eighth Commandment—You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Pastor: This commandment does not apply just in court. Instead, it applies to every moment of every day. We have so many opportunities to tear down or to build up the people in our lives. Take a moment and reflect and repent regarding the way you speak to people and about people.

Pause for silent reflection.

People: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments are both about coveting. The Ninth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

People: The Tenth Commandment—You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Pastor: Coveting. What a challenge this is in our lives. Always wanting more than God has given. Always desiring that which belongs to another. Take a few moments and reflect on the covetousness of your heart.

Pause for silent reflection.

Pastor: When we use these Ten Commandments and their explanations to reflect on our past year and look ahead to the next, we find that we are truly sinful and that we need to confess these sins to God, our heavenly Father.

O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Having confessed our sins together, we now hear the Epistle, from Romans, chapter 8:

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? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God Who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one Who died—more than that, Who was raised—Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Nothing, not even our sin when it's acknowledged and confessed, can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. As Paul says, God gave up His Son for us all. He died and rose again. He has ascended and is now interceding at His Father's right hand. In this same Jesus Christ, in the forgiveness that comes through Him alone, we are more than conquerors.

In this way, we can enter the new year, not dragging our burdens of sin with us, but free through Him Who gives us strength. With this in mind, receive the absolution of your sins: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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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

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...

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Him, the light of the world, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, including our dear ones in Your gracious keeping, we laud and magnify Your holy 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 883 “All Praise To Thee, My God This Night”
LSB 887 “Now The Light Has Gone Away”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that, strengthened thereby, we share Your name in all that we do in our daily living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:8–14,15–17 In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

⁸ 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.

⁹ For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD;

¹⁰ 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,

¹¹ leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”

¹² Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them,

¹³ 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;

¹⁴ 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.”

¹⁵ 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,

¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall

flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1–12

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

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.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

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

³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ 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.

³⁷ 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. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 896 “Now Greet The Swiftly Changing Year”

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

OFFERING HYMN LSB 394 “Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise” vs. 5

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

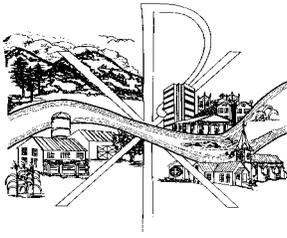
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING

LSB 738 "Lord Of All Hopefulness"

POSTLUDE



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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 over 135 years.

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*
-Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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(LCMS) and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

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