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of  
*Wisdom.*

- psalm 90.12 (ESV)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2018

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

6:00 pm-Bob Nass

Acolytes

6:00 pm-Usher

Musician

Kathy Fortlage

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## 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, contact the Pastor or church office. Due to certain policies, some facilities cannot share that you or a loved one have 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.*

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

*Psalm 90:2*

## AS WE GATHER

This evening, we are very aware of the passage of time. Although the past year may have included toil and stress, hardship, and tests of faith, our gracious God has not forsaken us. His Son entered our time and space; He knows the daily toil; He lived a perfect life in our place. And now He continues to forgive and strengthen us each day. This is a watch-night service, in which we respond to each Reading with contrition and forgiveness. We are being given the gift of time in which to admit our past foolishness and to rejoice in God's surrounding strength. Our prayer is that God would "establish the work of our hands" in the coming year; that is, that He would help us make the most of the time He so graciously bestows on us. It is time to ask God to "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" *Psalm 90:12*.

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For Our Guests:

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

## + PREPARATION +

**OPENING HYMN**    LSB 896 “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

*Please Stand*

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People:     Amen.**

Pastor:     In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**People:     The time came, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn son.**

Pastor:     When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law,

**People:     To redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

Pastor:     So teach us to number our days,

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:     God promised that if they would return and rest, they would be saved. The promise is for us as well. Repentance and allowing God to rescue us is gracious good news, if we would only hear it.

**People:     We confess that we have too often preferred to rely on our possessions and plans. We have neglected to consider that our gracious God wants us to trust only Him for daily bread and all that we need. O Lord, forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor:     Our Savior was left as a lone flagstaff on a mountain on the cross of Calvary. To atone for our reliance on ourselves instead of on our Father in heaven, He committed His spirit, faithful to the end. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:     Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All:     I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
          maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty  
From thence 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.**

*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, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the fullness of time You sent forth Your Son, born under the law to redeem us from the law and to open to us eternity with you. 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 624 “The Infant Priest was Holy Born” vss. 1 & 7

## **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**

WOV 778 “O Christ the Same”

WOV 746 “Day By Day”

## **COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake at the end of this year You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but help us to number our days that by Your Holy Spirit we may be enabled to serve You in joy as each day dawns, 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 30:15–17** Sometimes God's people do not rely on His promise of salvation.

<sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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.<sup>17</sup> 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

**Romans 8:31b–39** We are more than conquerors, no matter what opposition may arise.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 12:35–40** Jesus exhorts vigilance every day.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup> "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> 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.

<sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> 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 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

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH- *Based on Psalm 90:13–17*

Pastor: Return, O LORD! How long?

People: **Have pity on Your servants!**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, wherever people languish in suffering from oppression, injustice, denial of basic needs, warfare, famine, or personal distress,

People: **Have pity on Your servants and meet their deepest needs.**

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: **That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Pastor: Here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, O Lord, assure them of Your love and forgiveness so that relying on Your strength and salvation,

**People: We may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Pastor: Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,

**People: And for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, guide and direct all who are in power in the nations. Turn their eyes from power and prestige for themselves to caring for the most vulnerable within their borders and seeking peaceful relations with neighboring states. May the New Year usher in times of joy and gladness

**People: For as many years as we have seen evil.**

Pastor: Let Your work be shown to Your servants,

**People: And Your glorious power to their children.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, increase faith and love in parents and children, husbands and wives, so that they all look beyond their present goals to seek those things that will benefit their families today and in the years to come. Grant that they give You the credit and teach their children about Your glorious power. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

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

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and pray:

**People: Establish the work of our hands, making good use of the time You give us as each new day dawns.**

Pastor: Hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We share the peace our Lord bestows on us as a joyful expression of our faith as we enter the New Year by His grace. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**People: And also with you.**

## **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 blessing of almighty God—the Father, Who called all things into existence, the Son, Who entered time and space to redeem us for eternity, and the Holy Spirit, Who strengthens us in good times and bad—be upon you, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

LSB 801 “How Great Thou Art”

## **POSTLUDE**

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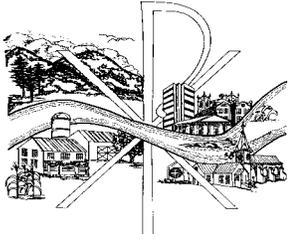
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*If you haven't picked up your 2019 yet, they are on the table in the Narthex, also please pick up any mail from your Church Mailboxes-Thank you.*

## ***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

<b>December Altar Guild- Cheryl Maas &amp; Cindy Maas</b>		<b>January Altar Guild-</b>		
<b>WORSHIP DATES &amp; GREETER</b>		<b>USHERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>SUNDAY SNACK</b>
12/30	8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Todd Kuehl	Gabby Sippel Addie Nass	OPEN
12/31	New Year's Eve 6:00 pm	Bob Nass	-	-
1/6	8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Ted Frank	Chellie Hildebrandt Geena Kuehl	OPEN
1/13	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joel Zastrow Bob Nass	Isabella Burback Riley Stalker	Ruby's Pantry
1/20	8:00 am 10:30 am	George Feller Ted Fuller	Addie Nass Ava Novotny	Board of Lay Ministry-B
1/27	8:00 am 10:30 am	Todd Kuehl Ed Purtell	Treyton Hildebrandt Gabby Sippel	OPEN
2/3	8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Ted Frank	Lucas Theder Tianda Hildebrandt	Youth Group
2/10	8:00 am 10:30 am	Bob Nass Todd Kuehl	Brady Fincutter Landon Pfingsten	Ladies Aid Chili Lunch
2/17	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joel Zastrow Ted Fuller	Helena Cahoon Adam Theder	Ruby's Pantry
2/24	8:00 am 10:30 am	Larry Beyer Ed Purtell	Hailey Fincutter Lucy Groeler	Todd & Pam Kuehl/Pieper Families
3/3	8:00 am 10:30 am		Geena Kuehl Chellie Hildebrandt	Board of Stewardship
3/6	7:00 pm		Isabella Burback	Lenten Supper
3/10	8:00 am 10:30 am		Riley Stalker Addie Nass	OPEN
3/13	7:00 pm		Treyton Hildebrandt	Lenten Supper
3/17	8:00 am 10:30 am		Lucy Groeler Gabby Sippel	Ruby's Pantry
3/20	7:00 pm		Brady Fincutter	Lenten Supper
3/24	8:00 am 10:30 am		Adam Theder Helena Cahoon	Confirmation Brunch
3/27	7:00 pm		Hailey Fincutter	Lenten Supper
3/31	8:00 am 10:30 am		Landon Pfingsten Lucas Theder	Ladies Aid
4/3	7:00 pm			Lenten Supper
4/7	8:00 am 10:30 am			Board of Church Properties
4/10	7:00 pm			Lenten Supper
4/14	8:00 am 10:30 am			Ruby's Pantry
4/18	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm			-
4/19	Good Friday 1:00 pm 7:00 pm			-



# ST. PETER'S

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Sermons can be viewed on our Facebook page or by DVD's, which are available at church.

**St. Peter's** – A congregation of 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.

### 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.

### 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*

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### 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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