

# Christ Lutheran Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin

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**New Years Eve Year of our Lord 2020**

## Hymn: 878 Abide with Me

LSB 878



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** the light no darkness can overcome.

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- P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** **and the day is almost over.**  
**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** **and illumine Your Church.**

### Thanksgiving for Light

- L** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

### Psalm

*141:1-4, 8*

- C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to You.  
**C** **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
**II** Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips.  
**I** Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.  
**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God;  
in You I take refuge.  
Strip me not of my life.  
**C** **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.**  
**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

### Prayer of the Day

- 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** **Amen.**

### Isaiah 30:8-17

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- <sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>For they are a rebellious people,  
lying children,  
children unwilling to hear  
the instruction of the LORD;

<sup>10</sup>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,  
<sup>11</sup>leave the way, turn aside from the path,  
 let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,  
 “Because you despise this word  
 and trust in oppression and perverseness  
 and rely on them,  
<sup>13</sup>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;  
<sup>14</sup>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.”  
<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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 90:1–12, 17

*Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
 in all generations.  
<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
 from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**  
<sup>3</sup>You return man to dust  
 and say, “Return, O children of man!”  
<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight  
 are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 or as a watch in the night.**  
<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood;  
 they are like a dream,  
 like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.

**<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**<sup>10</sup>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.**

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

<sup>17</sup>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!

### **Romans 8:31b–39**

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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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Luke 12:35–40**

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.

**Hymn: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year**

LSB 896

1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With  
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And  
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This  
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The  
joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With  
how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With  
Name of names for us He bore. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With  
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With  
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.  
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.

- 5 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!
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.
- △ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline Your ear;  
Upon our lives rich blessing trace  
In this new year of grace.

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**Sermon**

# Magnificat: 933 My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Litany

- P** Sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** As we enter a New Year, we sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** As we struggle through division, we look to Christ for unity, and we sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** As we consider our sins and failures of the past year, we look to Christ for forgiveness, and we sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** As we seek to love our neighbors and enemies, we look to Christ for guidance, and we sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** **for He has done marvelous things.**

- P** As we run the race set before us, we look to Christ for endurance, and we sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C** **for He has done marvelous things.**  
**P** As we mourn those who have died in the past year, we look to Christ for comfort, and we sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C** **for He has done marvelous things.**  
**P** As we lay down our brokenness at the foot of the cross, we look to Christ for victory, and we sing to the Lord a new song,  
**C** **for He has done marvelous things. Amen.**

### Collect for Peace

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**  
**P** It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## Distribution

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: 899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night

LSB 899



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
 2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -  
 3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your  
 4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your  
 5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



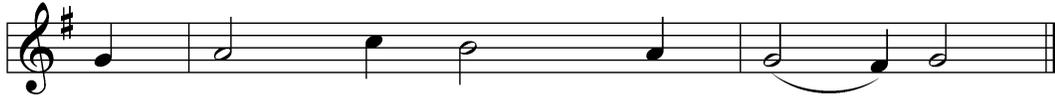
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In  
 dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And  
 mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our  
 car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past  
 guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last  
 all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this  
 grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our  
 death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,  
 mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,  
com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear  
strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day  
as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,  
ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife



Once more Your love en - treat - ing.  
And crown us with Your bless - ing.  
Of sor - row and re - vers - es.  
The joys of heav - en shar - ing.  
When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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