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New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31, 2024

5:00 pm

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Worship Leader **Pastor Richard Krause**
Preacher **Pastor Timothy Gerbing**

Prayer: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I begin another year. I want to live each day in the clear knowledge that it is your day. Keep me active in service to you and my fellowman during this coming year. Show me your love and mercy in Christ as you have done in the past. Give me opportunities to share Christ's love and mercy with others, and give me the strength and the will to do so. Lead me to always be grateful to you for your boundless love and mercy. Help me to live this year of grace as your child, O Lord. Amen.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Across the Sky the Shades of Night”



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This
2 We gath - er up in this brief hour The
3 Be - fore the cross, sub - dued, we bow, To
4 And while we pray, we lift our eyes To
5 Then gra - cious God, in years to come, What -



New Year's Eve are fleet - ing. We deck your al - tar,
mem - 'ry of your mer - cies. Your won - drous good - ness,
you our prayers ad - dress - ing, Re - count - ing all your
dear ones gone be - fore us, Safe home with you in
ev - er may be - tide us, Right on - ward through our



Lord, with light, In sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing, And,
love, and pow'r Our grate - ful song re - hears - es, For
mer - cies now And all our sins con - fess - ing, We
Par - a - dise, Where Je - sus will reign o'er us, And
jour - ney home, Oh, stay at hand to guide us, Nor



as the year's last hours go by, We raise to you our
you have been our strength and stay In man - y a dark and
ask you, Lord, this com - ing year To keep us in your
ask of you, when life is past, To re - u - nite us
leave us till, at close of life, Safe from all per - il,



ear - nest cry, Once more your love en - treat - ing.
drear - y day Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
faith and fear And crown us with your bless - ing.
all at last With those who've gone be - fore us.
toil, and strife, Heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you this year, this month, this week, this day, this hour. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—and some is known only to you. I pray: forgive me, deliver me, and restore to me the joy of your salvation.**

(silence for contemplation)

P: By the mercy of God through Jesus Christ our Savior, all your sins have been forgiven. You are at peace with God.

C: **Amen.**

To avoid disruptions, please silence your cell phones before worship.

REMEMBER GOD

P: My son, do not forget my teachings;

C: But keep my commands in your heart.

P: So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless;

C: Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them,"

P: Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim; when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades;

C: When men rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint, when men are afraid of heights and dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

P: Remember him—before the silver cord is severed.

C: Or the golden bowl is broken;

P: Before the pitcher is shattered at the spring;

C: Or the wheel broken at the well,

P: And the dust returns to the ground it came from;

C: And the spirit returns to God who gave it.

P: Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

C: For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

**The day is surely drawing near
When God’s Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer, make us free
From ev’ry evil. Amen. (CW93 207:1,6)**

KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 12: 16-21 (The Parable of the Rich Fool)*

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

P: “Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear,

C: **But seek his kingdom, and all these things will be given to you as well.”**

P: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

C: **For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."**

"All Depends on Our Possessing"



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.

FLY EVIL

P: Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

C: **Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.**

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: **Thanks be to you, O Lord!**

PRAY FOR DIVINE PROTECTION

P: My times are in your hands;

C: Deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

P: Let your face shine on your servant;

C: Save me in your unfailing love.

HEED THE CALL TO PERSEVERE

P: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy place by the blood of Jesus;

C: By a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

P: And since we have a great priest over the house of God;

C: Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our bodies washed with pure water.

P: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess;

C: For he who promised is faithful.

P: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

C: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.

P: So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

C: For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.”

All: But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

“Praise to You and Adoration”



1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing



Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I
Be with me through - out my life. Give me great - er



nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,
love for you, And my faith and hope re - new



But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing
In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,



Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

TRUST IN THE LORD

P: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foe attack me, they will stumble and fall.

C: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

C: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling, he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

P: Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble;

C: When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

P: Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,

C: For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.

P: The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you.

C: He will never leave you nor forsake you.

P: Do not be afraid;

C: Do not be discouraged.

“The Old Year Now Has Passed Away”



1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,
2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the
3 Take not your sav - ing Word a - way, Which lights and
4 Oh, help us to for - sake all sin, A new and



O our God, to - day That you have kept us
Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your
cheers our souls each day. A - bide with us and
ho - lier life be - gin! For - give the old year's



through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.
Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.
keep us free From er - ror and hy - poc - ri - sy.
sins, and bless The new year with true hap - pi - ness,

SERMON TEXT *1 Samuel 28: 3-20*

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel and set up camp at Gilboa. When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. Saul then said to his attendants, “Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her.”

“There is one in Endor,” they said.

So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. “Consult a spirit for me,” he said, “and bring up for me the one I name.”

But the woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?”

Saul swore to her by the Lord, “As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this.”

Then the woman asked, “Whom shall I bring up for you?”

“Bring up Samuel,” he said.

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!”

The king said to her, “Don’t be afraid. What do you see?”

The woman said, “I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth.”

“What does he look like?” he asked.

“An old man wearing a robe is coming up,” she said.

Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?”

“I am in great distress,” Saul said. “The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do.”

Samuel said, “Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.”

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel’s words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night.

SERMON THEME FACING THE FUTURE WITHOUT GOD

PRAYER

P: I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.” “Blessed, indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them” (Revelation 14:13).

P: Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to offer him praise and thanksgiving forever, and he gave them new life through his Son in holy baptism, and nourished them in the company of his people at his holy table, and in his mercy has summoned them to his nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service to him forever.

We name those who have gone before us in 2024:

Joyce Kostka, Irene Polly, Earl Blank, Janis Kuhn, Kelly Harrington, Don Steinbrecher, Barb Constantino, Janet Sandlass, Rusty Taylor, Harvey Witte, Bryan Kurek, Jean Goralski, Beverly Kaiser, David Erbstoesz, Judith Strecok, Diane Bethia

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises.

P: We pray: Lord, remember your church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for you and for one another.

C: As you have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

“Abide with Me”



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
 5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
 And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
 Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 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.

7 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!


SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

If you are visiting, please sign the guest book or a guest card (found in the gathering area) and come back and worship with us soon! We are happy to have you worship with us today.

The Lord's Supper: Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's body and blood for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, and as an expression of the common faith we share. What a blessed means of God's grace the Lord's Supper is! Because the Lord's Supper is an important expression of unity in faith, we ask visitors who desire to commune to speak with one of the pastors before the service.

 **Offerings** can be deposited into the labeled boxes in the gathering area. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, scan the QR code, or use the "Online Giving" link at the homepage of our church website, www.christpewaukee.org (or visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YK3N/home>).

Available Services: Our ushers are glad to provide **large print bulletins** for those who need them. Our **hearing induction loop system** is functional throughout the sanctuary and works through the T coil function of hearing aid apparatuses. **Restrooms** are in the coatroom area and the parents' room. Parents are welcome to use the **parents' room** in the corner of our sanctuary. You can hear and view the service there. You will find a **diaper changing station** in the parents' room and in both restrooms located in the coatroom area.

Christmas Decorations will be taken down on Tuesday, January 7 starting at 5:00 pm. Your help is greatly appreciated!

This Week at Christ Lutheran

- Today** **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm
Church Office Closed
- Wednesday** **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
Church Office Closed
No Wednesday Worship Services
- Thursday** The Waters Worship Service 10:00 am
- Saturday** Worship Service with Lord's Supper 5:00 pm
- Sunday** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 8:00 & 10:30 am
Christian Education Classes 9:10-10:10 am
Wauwatosa Worship 11:00 am
Erin Worship 5:00 pm
- Monday** Lutheran Pioneers 6:30 pm
Parish Nurses Meeting 6:30 pm
- Tuesday** Early Risers 8:00 am
Piecemakers 9:00 am
Youth Confirmation 5:45 pm
 Robe Fitting 7:15 pm
Decorations Take-Down 5:00 pm
Building & Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm
French Class 6:30 pm
- Wednesday** Worship Services with Lord's Supper 12:00 & 6:30 pm
Lambs of Christ Bible Study 4:30 pm

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