TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH January 1, 2023



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Prelude

<u>Welcome</u>

Call to Worship - Adapted from Ecclesiastes 3

There is a time for everything, And a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, A time to plant and a time to uproot, A time to tear down and a time to build, A time to mourn and a time to dance, A time to keep and a time to through away, A time to be silent and a time to speak. Spirit of wisdom, please help us to know when.

GATHERING SONG

Children Go Where I send Thee

• Worship Team will sing the verses...Congregation join in **BOLD**

ALL: Children go where I send thee How should I send thee

- L: I'm gonna send thee one by one One for the little bitty baby Born of the Virgin Mary
- ALL: Born born born in Bethlehem

ALL: Children go where I send thee How should I send thee

L: I'm gonna send thee two by two Two for Mary and Joseph One for the little bitty baby Born of the Virgin Mary ALL: Born born born in Bethlehem

ALL: Children Go where I send thee How Shall I send thee

L: I'm gonna send thee three by three Three for the weary wiseman Two for Mary and Joseph One for the little bitty baby Born of the Virgin Mary ALL: Born born born in Bethlehem

L: I'm gonna send thee four by four Four for four the lambs and shepherds Three for the weary wiseman Two for Mary and Joseph One for the little bitty baby Born of the Virgin Mary

ALL: Born born born in Bethlehem Born born born in Bethlehem

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Confession & Forgiveness

Almighty God, another year has passed. These previous 365 days were filled with good and bad experiences.

For the times: **we experienced your mercy, we give you thanks.** (Silent reflection)

For the times: **we took advantage of your grace, we ask your forgiveness.** (Silent Reflection)

For the times: we took bold steps of faith, we give you thanks. (Silent Reflection)

For the times: **we ignored your calling in our lives, we ask your forgiveness.** (Silent Reflection)

For the times: **we learned more about you, we give you thanks.** (Silent Reflection)

For the times: we were too proud to see you at work around us, we ask your forgiveness.

(Silent Reflection)

Merciful God, guide us in this new year, help us to see you more clearly than ever before. Amen.

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, I thank You that throughout the season of life, there are endings and new beginnings. I bless Your Word that reminds us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. So, I thank You for the things that have ended in my life and I bless you for new beginnings. In Jesus' Name I pray, **Amen**

Song: Selected by members of the congregation

<u>Psalm 8</u>

- L: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!-
- C: you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C: what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- L: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- C: You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- L: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C: the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- L: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Faith Talk

Song: Selected by members of the congregation

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

<u>Faith Talk</u>

Message: The Skit Guys "New Years Nuggets"

Song: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (sing 3X) ELW 814

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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Faith Talk

Offering

Offering Prayer

Song: Selected by members of the congregation

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

P: May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. **C:** Amen

<u>SONG</u>

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain
- From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. Refrain
- Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
 God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
 This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE