

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023 -10am

Jesus the Messiah is Good News for the World.

Prelude Brian Johnson, organist

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* vv. 1 & 3 Hymn 270

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”

For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.
God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
You will only have to look with your eyes, and you will see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue & honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Hymn of Praise *Joy to the World* Hymn 267

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **As the secular year draws to a close, and a new year dawns, help us to reflect on your call in our lives. Inspire us to follow in the way of your son, Jesus Christ, that we might live in love for you and our neighbor, now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Welcome & Greeting

Gospel

Mark 1:1-20

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

Higher Voices: **“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

Lower Voices: **“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,

Higher Voices: **“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”**

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

Lower Voices: **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”**

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them,

Lower Voices: **“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”**

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

What Child Is This vv. 1 & 3

Hymn 296

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Ministry Announcements

Prayers of Intercession **Response:** hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

Offering

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Offertory

Special Music, Madeline Fox

Dialog

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Thanksgiving

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in
righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen
our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory
and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and
forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.** *sit*

Communion

All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.

Children are invited to receive a blessing.

You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

The First Noel

Hymn 300

Prayer after Communion

God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to
come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy, that all may come to see your
glory reflected in the lives of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. **Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength. **Amen.**

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world. **Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God for peace and health in the new year.

Liturgical Ministers

Presiding Minister: Vicar Jaren Summers

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck

Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox

Preacher: Pastor Steve Wachtman

Director for Equipping Ministers: Laura Hudson