

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Created to Praise**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**New Years Worship: Preparing for 2025**

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***GATHERING MUSIC***

***PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***TRINITY WELCOME***

***THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY***

*“I think the more unexpected something is, the more there is to learn from it.”*

***Michael J. Fox, actor***

*“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better person.”*

***Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father***

*Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.*

***Jonathan Edwards (Pastor)***

**The Light of a New Year**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We have come from everywhere to prepare for a New Year.

**People: We have come seeking rest and renewal as we enter the New Year.**

Leader: We have come with burdens, and questions, and failures from the year past.

**People: We have come seeking a new start.**

Leader: We have come seeking peace in a world of strife and conflict.

**People: We hope for something new in the time ahead.**

Leader: Mostly we have come to ask You Lord to travel with us into this New Year.

**People: May we enter this New Year in faith.**

## OPENING SONG

## "At the Door of the Year"

1. At the door of the year when the past meets the  
2. In the sun, in the snow, in each sea - son of  
3. In the smile that we smile, in the hands held in

fu - ture, let the mo - ment be light for the  
liv - ing, let the fac - es of peace show the  
wel - come, in the catch - ing of joy like a

roads we will tread; when the clock seems too  
world how it's done; when the li - on and  
child's bright bal - loon; let the col - ors of

fast or goes slow - ly with - in us, let our  
lamb both can lie down to geth - er, think of  
peace spread as far as the rain - bow arch - ing

faith tell the time - there are good things a - head.  
vi - o - lence gone, think a gift, not a gun:  
o - ver an earth where we all sing in tune.

Wel - come in, this new year, wel - come in, hope - ful

peo - ple! (Make a vow that some - how

we will all cre - ate peace!) Sing tag last time.

## OUR CONFESSION

**All:** Divine Companion, from the beginning of life to its ending, we rest in your loving embrace, though we do not always recognize your presence. Our eyes are blind, and our calendars are too full to notice your presence. We narrowly define how you work in our lives and often miss your surprises.

Remind us, loving God, that you are more than our past experiences and future hopes. You are always working for good in every moment of life and often in surprising, unexpected ways. Keep our eyes open to see. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

# CONFESSION RESPONSE

## "On The Edge of Tomorrow" vs 1,3,4

Stand-ing on the edge of to - mor - row, stand-ing on the edge of ad - ven -  
- ture, stand-ing in the place of dis - cov - 'ry,  
learn-ing ev - 'ry step of the way. Thank - ful for the path-ways be - hind  
us, look-ing to the fu - ture be - fore us,  
guid-ed by the Spir-it a - mong us, stand-ing at the dawn of the day.  
(Stand-ing at the dawn of the day.) *Last phrase sung 3X at end.*

1.Ho- ly Spir- it, guide us; wor - ship - ping we come.  
3.Ho- ly Spir- it, teach us how to live as friends,  
4.Ho- ly Spir- it send us out be - yond these walls,

Draw us ev - er clos - er to our God, our home.  
found and freed by God's love, love that nev - er ends.  
bless - ing, shar - ing, giv - ing, an - swer - ing God's call.

Fill us with God's pres - ence, mold and shape and turn,  
Liv - ing out our u - nion, learn - ing loy - al - ty;  
Burst - ing with God's pres - ence so God's grace we prove,

till with ho - ly fire, hearts like torch - es burn.  
pa - tient - ly dis - cov - 'ring ho - ly fam - i - ly.  
shar - ing God's re - sour - ces, shin - ing with God's love.

*Repeat Chorus*

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# MEDITATION IN WORD AND MUSIC

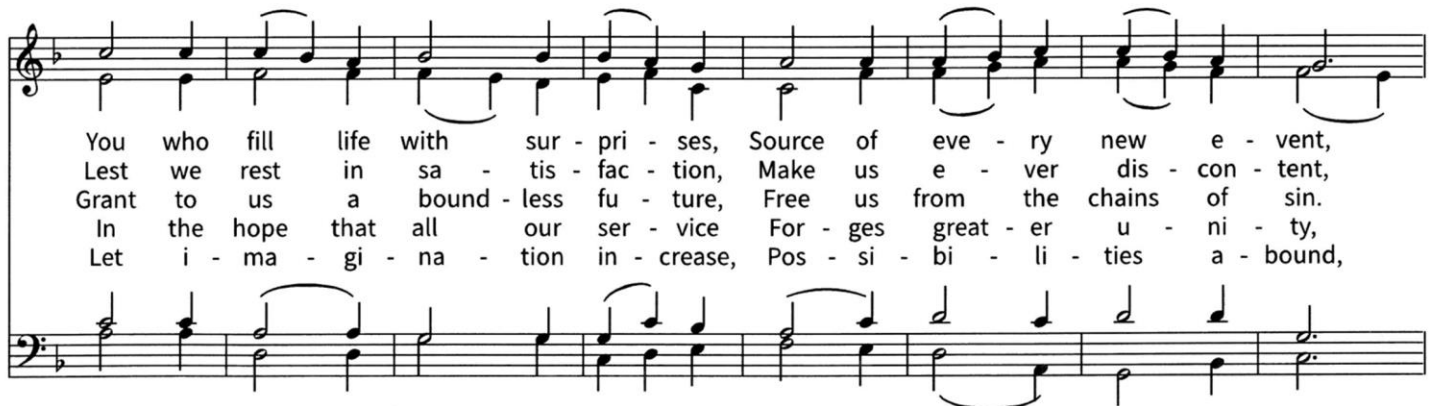
## "Hymn of Hope" vs 1



1. God of hope and God of ven - ture, Bring - ing pro - mise to our life,  
2. Shak - ing us at our foun - da - tions, You dis - lodge our false in - tent,  
3. Do not let the past de - stroy us, Nor the pre - sent hem us in.  
4. End the wars and ra - cial con - flicts That oc - cur a - cross the land.  
5. Let us sing of our sal - va - tion, E - ven now a - midst the dearth,



You who make the fu - ture o - pen, Gi - ving mean - ing to our strife,  
Wait - ing for the trans - for - ma - tions, Which are from the fu - ture sent,  
Save us from all that is ruin - ous, Res - cue us from death with - in.  
In the cross is our sal - va - tion, Ser - vice to the hu - man clan.  
Glo - rious song of new cre - a - tion, God's new hea - ven and new earth.



You who fill life with sur - pri - ses, Source of eve - ry new e - vent,  
Lest we rest in sa - tis - fac - tion, Make us e - ver dis - con - tent,  
Grant to us a bound - less fu - ture, Free us from the chains of sin.  
In the hope that all our ser - vice For - ges great - er u - ni - ty,  
Let i - ma - gi - na - tion in - crease, Pos - si - bi - li - ties a - bound,



As our ex - pec - ta - tion ri - - ses, Life - is filled with won - der - ment.  
'Til the vi - sion of sal - va - tion, Makes us all o - be - di - ent.  
Chal - lenge us with God's ad - ven - ture, And hope's vict - 'ry let us win.  
That the li - ving Christ shall weld us In - to true hu - man - i - ty.  
so that life's great ce - le - bra - tion May most joy - ous - ly a - bound.

**SCRIPTURE READING****Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world,\* but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Meditation****A Time of Silence****Prayer****Hymn****“Hymn of Hope” (verse 2)****SCRIPTURE READING****John 8:31-36**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, “You will be made free”?’

Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

**Meditation****A Time of Silence****Prayer****Hymn****“Hymn of Hope” (Vs 3)****SCRIPTURE READING****Ephesians 4:1-15**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said,

‘When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.’

(When it says, ‘He ascended’, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far

above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

## ***Meditation***

### ***A Time of Silence***

### ***Prayer***

### ***Hymn***

### ***“Hymn of Hope” (vs 4)***

### ***Scripture Reading***

### **Revelation 21:1-7**

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. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’

## ***Meditation***

### ***A Time of Silence***

### ***Prayer***

## Hymn

## *“Hymn of Hope” (vs 5)*

P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

## ***THE OFFERING***

## ***THE PRAYERS***

## ***THE COMMUNION SENTENCES***

**All: As we come to the table on the threshold of a new year, O Lord, help us remember that our times are in your hand. We come with thanks, for years we have had and for the opportunity of entering this New Year with your Spirit as our guide and help. We receive the bread and wine with gratitude and love for you are the Source of all heavenly grace and blessings. In this meal grant us strength to enter this New Year.**

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, *"Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you.*" He also took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying: *"This is my blood. Drink this to remember me."*

**All: This is the new relationship we share together.**

## ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.***

## ***THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL***

All who celebrate Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

Communion will be by intinction. When you receive the bread you may either:

1. Dip the bread in the first chalice of wine.

OR

2. Dip the bread in the second chalice of grape juice  
*Please indicate if you need gluten free wafers*

COMMUNION SONGS

*“Light Dawns on a Weary World”*

1. Light      dawns      on      a      wea - ry      world      when  
2. Love      grows      in      a      wea - ry      world      when  
3. Hope      blooms      in      a      wea - ry      world      when

eyes be - gin to see      all      peo - ple's dig - ni - ty.  
hun - gry hearts find bread      and      chil - dren's dreams are fed.  
crea - tures, once for - lorn,      find      wil - der - ness re - born.

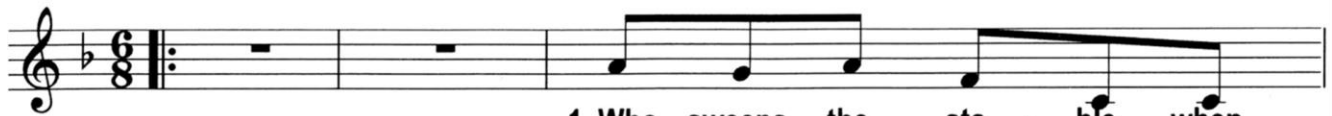
Light      dawns      on      a      wea - ry      world;      the  
Love      grows      in      a      wea - ry      world;      the  
Hope      blooms      in      a      wea - ry      world;      the

prom - ised      day      of      jus - tice      comes.      The trees will  
prom - ised      feast      of      plen - ty      comes.  
prom - ised      green      of      E - den      comes.

clap their hands;      the dry lands      gush with springs;      the hills and  
moun - tains shall break forth      with      sing - ing!      We shall go  
out in joy,      and be led      forth in peace,      as all the  
world in won - der      ech - oes      sha - lom.



## “Who Sweeps the Stable”



1. Who sweeps the sta - ble when  
 2. Who takes the load for the  
 3. Who is the first to bring the  
 4. God, give us eyes for the



Christ - mas is o - ver,  
 help - less and hurt - ing,  
 calm in - to cha - os,  
 needs of our neigh - bor.

who clears the ta - ble, the  
 who drives the road when the  
 who tends the worst and re -  
 God, make us wise to the



crumbs of the meal?  
 cri - sis is there?  
 stores what is best?  
 ac - tions that bless,

Prac - ti - cal peo - ple, com -  
 Peo - ple of spi - rit, com -  
 Heart - and - soul peo - ple, com -  
 be - ing your ser - vants and



pas - sion - ate peo - ple,  
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple,  
 pas - sion - ate peo - ple,  
 tak - ing di - rec - tions,

peo - ple not proud, who take  
 peo - ple with hand at the  
 sav - iors and ser - vants, hu -  
 glad - ly and in - stant - ly



ba - sin and kneel.  
 read - y to care.  
 man - i - ty's test.

an - swer - ing,

"Yes!" \_\_\_\_\_

## *“Let This Be The Time, Lord”*

### Verse 1:

- L: When the song of your people rings out from each steeple, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When our praise and devotion set lives into motion, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When the heart of our labor promotes love of neighbor, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When the care for each nation brings peace to creation, (*C: let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

### Verse 2:

- L: When we see in each face those we need to embrace, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When we turn and forgive those the world won't let live, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When our care for creation becomes our vocation, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When our deeds and good actions become our true passion, (*C: let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

### Verse 3:

- L: When the voice of the Spirit transforms all who hear it, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When we turn from obsession and needless possessions, (*C: let this be the time.*)  
L: When we give recognition to the one, true physician, the healer who bears all our pain,  
when we stop and remember that you are our God, (*C: let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

*CHORUS*

Come and tear down the old\_ ways and build up the new  
be the God of our prom - ise; all hope rests in  
you. With the fire of your Spir - it, blaze a king - dom of  
truth. Pre - pare us for ac - tion, let noth - ing dis -  
tract us from you! Let this be the time!

## ***THE BLESSING***

### ***THE SENDING OUT***

Leader: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untraveled, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out into this New Year with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen!**

**THE SENDING SONG** "The Christmas Child is a Troublesome Child"

1.The Christ - mas child is a trou - ble - some child, as  
2.The Christ - mas child is a gen - er - ous child, ex -  
3.The Christ - mas child is a trou - ble - some child, as

trou - ble - some as the Word that stirred the wa\_\_ - ters  
trav - a - gant in ex - cess, who spends the coin\_\_ of  
trou - ble - some as the Word that stirred the wa\_\_ - ters

from\_\_ the deep and let God's voice\_\_ be heard. The  
life\_\_ and hope to re - cre - ate\_\_ and bless. The  
from\_\_ the deep and let God's voice\_\_ be heard. The

Christ - mas child is a spir - it - ed child who  
Christ - mas child is a dan - ger - ous child when  
Christ - mas child is a lu - mi - nous child whose

ques - tions giv - en rule, who flouts con - ven\_\_ - tion's  
to a proph - et grown, whose vi - sion takes\_\_ a  
peace the an - gels sing, whose star no dark\_\_ - ness

pi\_\_ - ous face, who laughs and plays\_\_ the fool.  
thorn\_\_ - y path, whose cross may be\_\_ our own.  
o\_\_ - ver - comes, whose life lights ev\_\_ - 'ry - thing.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go into the New Year in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Pastors:** Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

**Worship Assistant:** John Kenworthy

**Reader:** Greg Griffin

**Ushers:** Tom and Ardi Bergerud

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Greg Griffin, Gaytha Hillman

**Keyboard:** April Brodzeller

**Video:** Cheryl Scaffidi **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson

**Record Virtual Service:** Greg Griffin

**Communion Set-Up:** Sue Kesy

**Communion servers:** Nate Shubat

**Coffee hour baker/host:** Cyndee Bruder, Tammy Nelson

**Counters:** Cindy Tikusis, Linda Amacher

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