

New Year's Eve

I am *unworthy* of all the **kindness and faithfulness**
you have shown your servant.
Genesis 32:10



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Service of Light

WELCOME

STAND

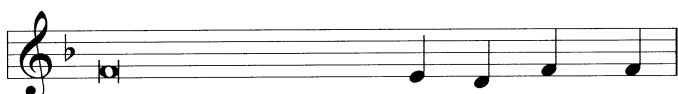
M: Minister C: Congregation



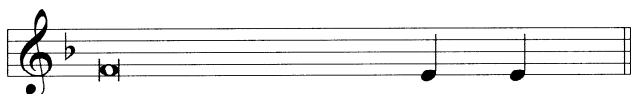
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with 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. We, your creatures, glorify you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

BE SEATED

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU *Psalm 141*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are: 'C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.' The fourth staff repeats the first line of the melody with the lyrics: 'Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,'. The fifth staff repeats the second line of the melody with the lyrics: 'the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' The score ends with a double bar line.

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

PSALM 37

(The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and last verse.)



Refrain

Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.
The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

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.

Refrain

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:1-21 (NIV)

Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim. Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. He instructed them: "This is what you are to say to my master Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have been staying with Laban and have remained there till now. I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, menservants and maidservants. Now I am sending this message to my lord, that I may find favor in your eyes.'" When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape." Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also

the mothers with their children. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'" He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds." He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'" He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me." So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

HYMN

To God the Anthem Raising
Christian Worship #73

SERMON

Genesis 32:10
I Am Unworthy

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along.
Thank You!



If you prefer, use your smart
phone to give online by
scanning this QR code.

HYMN

Across the Sky the Shades of Night Christian Worship #69 st. 1-4

1. A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
2. We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of your
3. Be - fore the cross, sub - dued, we bow, To you our prayers ad -
4. And while we pray, we lift our eyes To dear ones gone be -

fleet - ing. We deck your al - tar, Lord, with light, In sol - emn wor - ship
mer - cies. Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our grate - ful song re -
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all your mer - cies now And all our sins con -
fore us, Safe home with you in Par - a - dise, Where Je - sus will reign

meet - ing, And, as the year's last hours go by, We raise to you our
hears - es, For you have been our strength and stay In man - y a dark and
fess - ing. We ask you, Lord, this com - ing year To keep us in your
o'er us, And ask of you, when life is past, To re - u - nite us

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.

WE REMEMBER DEPARTED MEMBERS

*In this New Year's Eve service we remember the Christian brothers and sisters of Grace whom
the Lord has welcomed home to heaven this past year.*

M: O, Lord, you turn mortals back to dust. You sweep them away in the sleep of death...Teach us
to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. We remember our family
members who have escaped the sorrows of this world and now, because Jesus is their Savior,
enjoy the eternal pleasures of heaven.

Vera Hess
Channing Sargent
John Henrikson

Brian Morris
Karen Fiscel
Delphin Strom

5. Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, What - ev - er may be -

tide us, Right on - ward through our jour - ney home, Oh, stay at hand to

guide us, Nor leave us till, at close of life, Safe from all per - il,

toil, and strife, Heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Tonight we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Jesus urges all who receive it to do so in a worthy manner in order to receive the blessings he promises. He also gives warning that no one receive it to their judgment. For this reason, we practice Member Communion. If you are a guest at Grace tonight and not a member of another WELS congregation, we would ask that you speak with one of the pastors about a time to discuss what exactly God says about Holy Communion before you come to the Lord's Table. We look forward to that opportunity!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

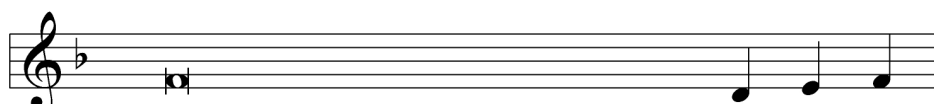
DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*O Lord, bread of life, we come to your table and praise your name;
O Lord, we take your cup in thanks and celebration, you name we proclaim,
You set us free, we rest in thee, O Lord you died that we may live for all eternity.
O Lord of peace and love, I eat your bread and drink your cup, come live in me;
O Lord from God above, your blood was shed upon the tree, you set me free, I rest in thee,
O Lord, you died that I may live for all eternity. Amen.*

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear — our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear — our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

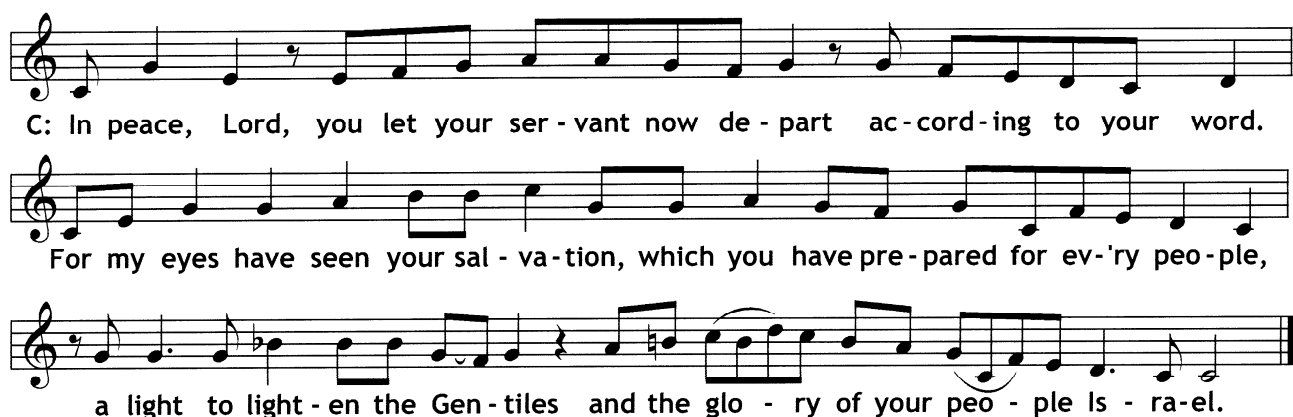
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

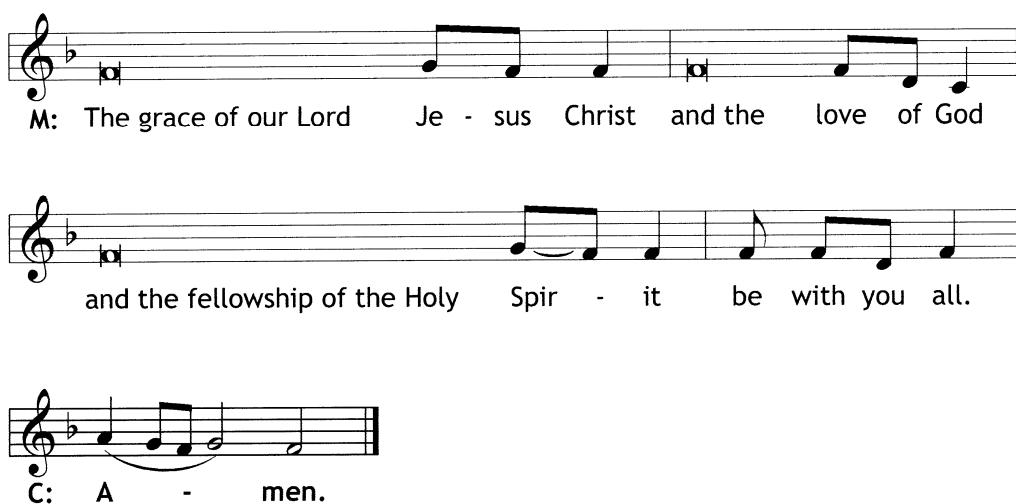
C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing to your word.
For my eyes have seen your sal-va-tion, which you have pre-pared for ev-'ry peo-ple,
a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord Je-sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir-it be with you all.
C: A-men.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away
Christian Worship #71

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Service | Pastor Nathan Kassulke |
| Communion Assistant..... | Pastor Colin Rieke |
| Accompanist..... | Teri Guenther |
| Bell Ringer | Dylan Guenther |
| Soloist | Jacob Hansen |
| Voices of Grace Director | Beth Kassulke |
| Piano..... | Kathy Parra |
| Clarinet..... | Missy Wiechmann |
| Ushers | Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Taylor Parra |
| Sound & Recording Tech | Jeremy Snavelly |
| Altar Prep Team | Navonne Baxter, Sally Littau, Merri Myrmo |

We wish you God's Blessings in 2014!

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Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

At Grace-Vail

Worshiping at Cottonwood
Elementary 9950 E. Rees Loop

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| 9:00 AM | Children's Sunday School |
| 9:00 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Service |

At Grace-University

830 N. First Avenue

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|----------|--------------------------|
| 7:45 AM | Worship Service |
| 8:45 AM | Children's Sunday School |
| 9:00 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Service |

