

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville
with
St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma

Joint New Year's Eve Service

Rev. Jonathan Winterfeldt, Pastor

6:30 p.m.

December 31, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Four with Holy Communion, LSB p. 203

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

LSB 203

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Prayer for Forgiveness

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 98:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Kyrie

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:15–17

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,
“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said,
“No! We will flee upon horses”;
 therefore you shall flee away;
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
 therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
 at the threat of five you shall flee,
till you are left
 like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
 like a signal on a hill.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:31b–39

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
 we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel*Luke 12:35–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed*LSB 206**Sit***Hymn of the Day: 899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night****Sermon: Digging in Dirt, Finding the Name of God***Numbers 6:22–27**Stand***Prayer of the Church***Service of the Sacrament***Preface***LSB 208***Sanctus***LSB 208***Prayer of Thanksgiving****Lord's Prayer***LSB 209***The Words of Our Lord****Pax Domini****Agnus Dei***LSB 210**Sit***Distribution****Distribution Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior****Distribution Hymn: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice***Stand*

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn to Depart: 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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