

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

Joint New Year's Eve Service

Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

6:30 p.m.

December 31, 2024

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

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Stand

Invocation and Exhortation

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

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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.

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who made heaven and earth.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:8–17

⁸And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.
⁹For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling to hear
the instruction of the LORD;
¹⁰who say to the seers, “Do not see,”
and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,
¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”
¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
“Because you despise this word
and trust in oppression and perverseness
and rely on them,
¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,
whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;
¹⁴and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel
that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a shard is found
with which to take fire from the hearth,
or to dip up water out of the cistern.”
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

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Sit

Hymn of the Day: 899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night

Sermon: No Separation Anxiety

Romans 8:31b-39

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord’s Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Distribution Hymn: 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benedicamus and Benediction

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Hymn to Depart: 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

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