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*New Year's Eve*

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*Color of the Day: White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.*



Opening Hymn . . . . . #900 – *Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 184

*Service of the Word*

Introit . . . . . Page 186

*Ps. 98:1–3; antiphon: Ps. 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 salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

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.

**Glorify the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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who made | heaven and earth.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 186

Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Page 187

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 189

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 190

*Isaiah 30:(8-14)15–17*

<sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>For they

are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear

the instruction of the LORD; <sup>10</sup>who 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, <sup>11</sup>leave the way, turn

aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of

Israel.” <sup>12</sup>Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because

you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness

and rely on them, <sup>13</sup>therefore 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; <sup>14</sup>and 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.” <sup>15</sup>For

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, <sup>16</sup>and 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. <sup>17</sup>A

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.

Gradual . . . . . Page 190

*Ps. 90:12, 14*

Teach us to num- | ber our days\*

that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your | steadfast love,\*

that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

**Epistle Reading** . . . . . Page 190

*Romans 8:31b-39*

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He 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? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who 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. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor 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.

**Alleluia & Verse (Common)** . . . . . Page 190

**Holy Gospel** . . . . . Page 190

*Luke 12:35-40*

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and 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. <sup>37</sup>Blessed 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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But 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. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

**Creed** . . . . . Page 191/192

**Hymn of the Day**. #719 – *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

**The Sermon** . . . . . Hope and Future

*Text: Jeremiah 29:11*

*Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor's blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez's blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>*

**Offertory** . . . . . Page 192/193

**Offering** . . . . . Page 193

*Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

**Prayer Of The Church** . . . . . Page 193

*Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface** . . . . . Page 194

**P:**It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** . . . . . Page 195

**Lord's Prayer** . . . . . Page 196

**The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini** . . . . . Page 197

**Agnus Dei** . . . . . Page 198

**Distribution** . . . . . Page 199

*Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** . #765 – *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*  
#899 – *Across the Sky the Shades of Night*

**Nunc Dimittis** . . . . . Page 199

**Thanksgiving** . . . . . Page 200

**Salutation & Benedicamus** . . . . . Page 201/202

**Benediction** . . . . . Page 202

**Closing Hymn**. . . . . #878 - *Abide with Me*

*In Memoriam*

As 2024 draws to a close this evening we are mindful of all of God's mercies to us. We remember on this night those members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church whom God in His infinite wisdom has called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant:

Dixie Lee Garrett ~ 95 yrs., 3 months

Marcia June Carr ~ 86 yrs, 2 months, 2 days

LaVerne Mittelstedt Theiss ~ 84 yrs, 9 months, 27 days

Michael Philip Held ~ 80 yrs, 4 months, 25 days

Eda Magdalena Eulgen Nitz ~ 96 yrs, 2 months, 9 days

Bettye Jean Carter ~ 92 yrs, 1 month, 18 days