



My times are in your hands

Psalm 31:15

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NEW YEAR'S EVE -- THE NAME OF JESUS

THE VISION & MISSION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Trinity Lutheran Church is to know Christ
and make Him known.”

“Trinity Lutheran Church is a biblically grounded Christian family
strengthening its members to boldly proclaim the saving good news
of Jesus to our communities and the world.”

WELCOME

We the members of Trinity Lutheran Church **welcome you** this
New Years Eve to a New Year of God's grace which is ours
because of the Name of our crucified and risen Lord and Saviour,
Jesus the Christ. We consider it a privilege to greet you as our
guest. The Christ-centered focus of our worship is typical of what
you hear at Trinity, because Jesus is the answer to all our
problems - now and forever.

Pew cushions are found on the back pews. If you have a **prayer
request** we invite you to print it out and hand it to an usher early
in the service. All are kindly asked to turn off their cell phones as
we focus our attention in worship on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our nursery (for pre-school children in need of its solace), is
located north of the elevator in the church entry way.

Visitors and Members are asked to take a moment to fill out **the
Friendship Register** form placed in pews. We invite all to stay and
join us for refreshments and fellowship.

AS WE GATHER – SPEND A MOMENT IN SILENT PRAYER

At the end of one year and the beginning of another is a time to pause and reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed upon us in the past and to be encouraged by God's promises for our future. As 2008 comes to a close and we begin our journey into 2009, may we do so with hope and assurance of God's guiding hand!

GREETING

Pastor: "May the Lord of time be with you,"

People: **"And also with you."**

OPENING HYMN

"God Himself Is Present"

LSB 907

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we gather in the name of our holy God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—we are immediately struck with the reality of our own sinfulness. We stand on the eve of a New Year. In the past twelve months we have experienced joy and sorrow. We have stood at the altar to receive the gifts of God and we have gathered at weddings, funerals, and committal services, thanking God for His temporal and eternal promises. Let us make our confession to God, trusting in these very same promises.

People: **We confess to You, heavenly Father, that we are sinners in Your presence. We have sinned against You in many ways, some of which we are aware, and yet there are many sins we did not even recognize and which are known only and fully to You. Forgive us Father, not because we are worthy, but because we trust in the promises You have made to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: God has been faithful in the past and God will be faithful in the future, but in particular we are grateful that God is faithful now—hearing our confession and granting us forgiveness. His promise to us is that if we confess our sins He hears and forgives so that we may be assured and comforted in our hearts and strengthened for our lives of service to Him. Therefore, we rely on this proclamation of the Lord's forgiveness. I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, announce the grace of God to each of you and, forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8,*

People: 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. *Psalm 98:1-3,*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, by the suffering of the cross, You have won for us forgiveness and life. We thank You for the guidance and provision given to us in this year that now draws to a close. As we embark on a New Year we ask that You please help us so that all we do might bring glory to Your holy name. We ask this in Your Holy Name.

People: Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

People: what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

Pastor: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Pastor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

(seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 51:1-6 (printed on back sermon outline
coloured insert)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:31-39 (printed on back sermon outline
coloured insert)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-21 (printed on back sermon outline
coloured insert)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **LSB 809**

SERMON "We Interrupt This Service " (John 1:14)
(outline on coloured insert)

APOSTLES' CREED (on back inside cover of hymnal)

GATHERING OF OUR YEAR END OFFERINGS

We ask all those who are here today to take a moment to fill out the Friendship Register pad in the pew and leave at **one end of pew** in view for ushers to pick up after the service.

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord who holds all time and ourselves in the palm of his hand guard and keeps us this year. Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" **LBS 733**
(verses 1.3.6)

**LORD< BLESS OUR NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION
AND MAY YOUR HAND GUIDE US THIS WHOLE YEAR
TO COME.**

NEW YEAR'S FAMILY FUN CELBRATION

Please stay and join us for the rest of the evening and into tomorrow the New Year as we rejoice in being with each other this New Years Eve.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2009

The offering envelopes for 2009 are available for pick-up in the Narthex. If you do not have any envelopes assigned to you or if you have any questions please see Mike Emrich.



NEW YEARS EVE LESSONS

Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many. The LORD will surely comfort

Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail."

Romans 8:31-39

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Matthew 1:18-21

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."