

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endures forever.

Following the Collect

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Following the Benediction

C: Amen.

Hymn to Depart

“Abide with Me”

878

Postlude

“Enigma Variations” (Nimrod)

Edward Elgar

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

New Year’s Eve

December 31, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor before approaching the altar. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion. Guests, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Order of Service

Corporate Confession and Absolution

Follow the liturgy printed below

Hymn of Invocation

716

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I will go to the altar of God.

C: to God my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

Confessional Address for New Year’s Eve

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The pastors will absolve all baptized penitents individually at the kneeling stations. Penitents approach the kneelers as directed by the ushers. The cantor will sing Psalm 90 during the distribution of individual absolutions.

Salutation and Collect

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 30:15-17

The quietness and confidence of the Lord is our strength.

Epistle

Romans 8:31b-39

Nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 12:35-40

The Faithful and Evil Servant.

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading of the Gospel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

899

“Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

Sermon

Nicene Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal

Prayer of the Church

Preface, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

P: Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

C: **Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

P: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father...**

The Words of Our Lord

The Peace and Agnus Dei

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

C: **Amen.**

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: **grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution

“Through Jesus' Blood and Merit”

746

“Before the Ending of the Day” (LSB 889) *Sung by the soloist*

“Evening and Morning”

726