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January 1, 2023 ☩ New Year's Day

Note: Sung responses will have musical notes 🎵 next to them.

All other responses will be spoken.

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

☩ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 90 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ☩

**Our Worship Services will be Posted to Our Website Each Sunday Evening.
To Watch our Worship Service Online Please Click This Link:**

<https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

Opening Hymn: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year (please stand for last verse)



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With
vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joyce! With



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
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**5 With Him as Lord to lead our way In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space In this new year of grace!**

**6 "All glory be to God on high, And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace Another year of grace.**

**△ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear! To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace In this new year of grace.**

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THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(TLH, p. 5)*

[P] In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.


THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- [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]** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- [C]** **Who made heaven and earth.**
- [P]** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- [C]** **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**
- [P]** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- [C]** **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- [P]** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- [C]** **Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (TLH, p. 6)

- [C]**  ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (TLH, p. 7)

**♪ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

In Latin "Gloria in excelsis Deo" means "Glory to God in the highest." We rejoice in our Lord who came to earth to bring us His peace. (TLH, p. 7)

**♪ Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

- P** We pray:
Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year that has ended and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In this 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

James 4:13-17 (EHV)

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that city, spend a year there, do business, and make a profit." ¹⁴ You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? Indeed, it is a mist that appears for a little while and then disappears. ¹⁵ Instead, it is better for you to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live, and we will do this or that." ¹⁶ But right now you are boasting in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So, for the one who knows the right thing to do and doesn't do it, this is a sin.

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Hallelujah!"—meaning "Praise the Lord!"

[P] Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!

[C] Hallelujah!

[P] The second reading is from Luke 12:4-9.

[C] Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Reading

Luke 12:4-9 (NKJV)

⁴ "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

⁶ "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

[P] Here ends our second reading.

[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (TLH, p. 12)

[C] I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven
 And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
 The forgiveness of sins;
 The resurrection of the body;
 And the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn of the Day: 708 *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

LSB 708



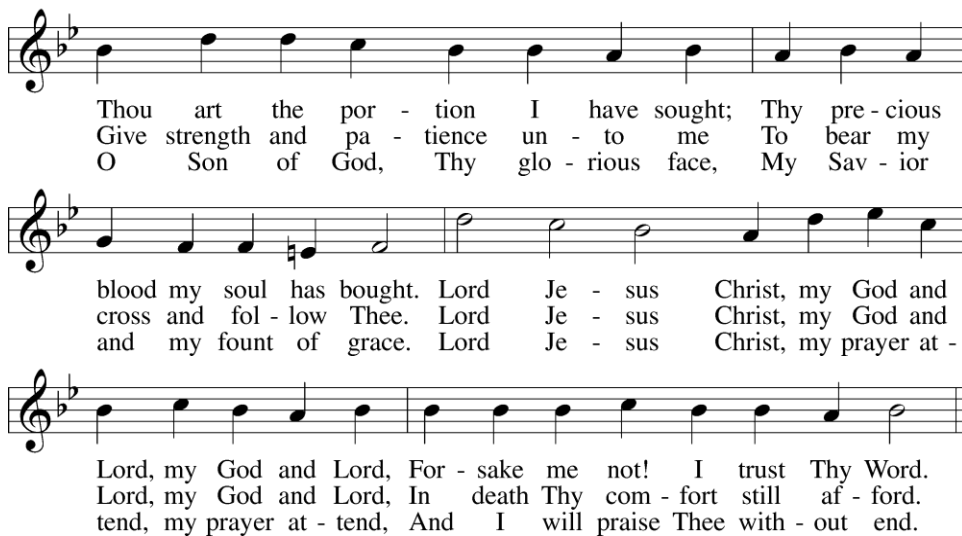
1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om

me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And

has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in

void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from

heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior
blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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THE SERMON

Psalm 73:23-28 (NKJV)

²³ Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. ²⁴ You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷ For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. ²⁸ But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

Sermon Theme: A Forward Look of Faith

- 1. Remembers the gracious hand of God in our lives.**
- 2. Looks to the Word of God for divine counsel.**
- 3. Regards God as our dearest treasure.**
- 4. Makes known His Works.**

By Pastor Mark Gullerud – preaching at St. Stephen-West (Mountain View)
Preaching at St. Stephen-East Bay (Hayward): Timothy Blank

THE OFFERTORY

(TLH, p. 12-13)

***♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

(† If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway. †)

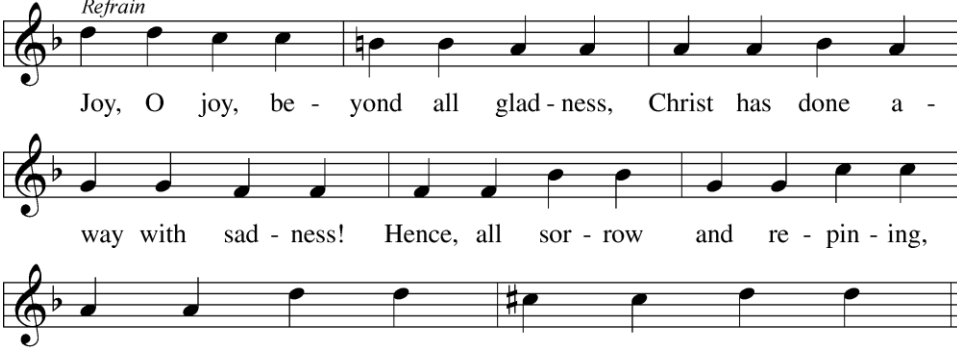
Sermon Hymn: 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

LSB 897



1 O re - joice, ye Chris - tians, loud - ly, For our joy has
2 See, my soul, thy Sav - ior choos - es Weak - ness here and
3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee right - ly? I ac - knowl - edge
4 Je - sus, guard and guide Thy mem - bers, Fill them with Thy
now be - gun; Won - drous things our God has done.
pov - er - ty; In such love He comes to thee.
that by Thee I am saved e - ter - nal - ly.
bound-less grace, Hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.
Tell a - broad His good - ness proud - ly, Who our race has
Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es; All He suf - fers
Let me not for - get it light - ly, But to Thee at
Fan to flame faith's glow - ing em - bers; Grant all Chris - tians,
hon - ored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us.
for thy good To re - deem thee by His blood.
all times cleave And my heart true peace re - ceive.
far and near, Ho - ly peace, a glad new year!

Refrain



Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness, Christ has done a -
 way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,
 For the Sun of Grace is shin - ing!

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THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

- C** 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.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you
 and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

- C**  **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Next Sunday: *Epiphany Sunday*

1/8/23

St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am
Worship w/ communion – 10am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship w/ communion – 1pm
Church Council – 2pm

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Thank You! – to Mark Gullerud, Scott Mueller (Mt. View) and Timothy Blank (Hayward) for conducting our worship services today. Pastor Luke will return from visiting family in Wisconsin, Lord willing, this Thursday night (1/5). A happy & blessed New Year to you all!

Communion & Installation of Church Council Officers – Next Sunday – 1/8 – We will have the installation of our church council officers during both of our worship services next Sunday (1/8). Also, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday.