

# A New Year's Celebration in Song

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Cudahy, Wisconsin



December 31, 2022 / January 1, 2023

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As we come together during the final hours of one year and the beginning hours of another, it's good for us to consider all the changes that have occurred this past year and the ones that will occur in the coming year. Yet the one thing that doesn't change and will never change is the Lord's faithfulness, forgiveness and his fondness for us. May the Lord bless your worship this New Year!

## Call to Worship

We enter the Lord's presence on this New Year:

**In the name of the Father,**

whose love never changes;

**And of the Son,**

who is the same yesterday, today and forever;

**And of the Holy Spirit,**

whose work of creating and strengthening faith through Word and Sacrament never changes.

It's good to gather with those who say,

**"Let's go to the house of the Lord!"**

## Confession of Sins

As we come before the Lord, we confess our sins together:

**Lord God, as I come before you, some things haven't changed.**

**My nature is corrupt and evil,**

**sinful since the time of my conception.**

**My sinfulness has shown itself in how I think,**

**what I say and the things that I do.**

**Lord, I'm sorry that I have offended you in all those ways.**

**I humbly ask that you not hold my sins against me.**

**Remove my guilt, and the punishment I deserve.**

**Hear me, for the sake of my new-born King and Savior. Amen.**

## God's Verdict

The wonderful news I have the privilege of announcing to you this New Year's is that God has heard your confession and responded. The infant born in Bethlehem on Christmas is Jesus Christ, your Savior. Jesus would win for you the forgiveness for all your sins. His perfect life and his innocent death would satisfy God's righteous anger. As a servant of the Lord, I assure you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord!

## Song of Praise \_\_\_\_\_ *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice* 332

- 1) **Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son has given.**
- 2) **To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**
- 3) **We are rich, for he was poor; Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.**
- 4) **O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Bless us and be near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!**

## First Reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*As we end one year and begin another, it's beneficial to hear  
what wise King Solomon says about the different times of our lives  
we'll be facing over the next 365 days.*

*We'll be facing every single one of these "time" with our God at our side.*

There is a time or everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven;  
² A time to be born and a time to die,  
A time to plant and a time to uproot,

<sup>3</sup> A time to kill and a time to heal,  
A time to tear down and a time to build,  
<sup>4</sup> A time to weep and a time to laugh,  
A time to mourn and a time to dance,  
<sup>5</sup> A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
A time to embrace and a time to refrain,  
<sup>6</sup> A time to search and a time to give up,  
A time to keep and a time to throw away,  
<sup>7</sup> A time to tear and a time to mend,  
A time to be silent and a time to speak,  
<sup>8</sup> A time to love and a time to hate,  
A time for war and a time for peace.

*[O God, Our Help 820]*

- 1) O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,**
- 2) Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

## **Second Reading / Today's Message – Psalm 90**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup> You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

<sup>4</sup> A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death - they are like the new grass of the morning: <sup>6</sup> In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. <sup>7</sup> We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

<sup>9</sup> All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. <sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

<sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**3) Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.**

**4) A thousand ages in your sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

## **Gospel – Matthew 7:24-29**

*Starting a new year is like starting a building project.*

*A strong foundation is necessary and key for the success of the project.*

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

- 5) Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6) O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

## **My Christmas Confession of Faith**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior on Christmas.**

**I believe in Jesus, Christ, his only Son, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the wisemen, he lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas; and by whose continuous work in my heart, through the Word, I am led to lay before the feet of Christ, my treasures of love, and live under him as my King, both now and forever.**

**This is most certainly true!**

**Hymn of the Day** \_\_\_ *Across the Sky the Shades of Night* 367

**Today's Message**

**A New Chapter**

**Hymn of Response** *Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year* 368

**We Gather the Offering / We Sign the Friendship Register**

## **Responsive Prayer for the New Year**

Gracious heavenly Father, the changing of another year makes us think about all the blessings we have received from you in the past year.

**We also realize our need for your continued presence in the future.**

We are confident that the kindness and faithfulness you have shown us in 2022 will not fail us in 2023, although we must confess we are not worthy of them.

**You have adopted us to be your children in Jesus, our Savior.**

We are entirely certain of our salvation because of both the cradle and the cross. For this we thank and praise you and commend our bodies and souls into your care.

**Use the means of grace, your Word and Sacrament, so that we may grow in faith and love and better serve you and each another.**

Increase our enthusiasm for the work of your kingdom in our church, our school and our community.

**Let your presence and guidance be evident in our families and in our congregation.**

*Special Requests and Prayers*

For Jesus' sake we ask these things, and pray as he taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Lord's Supper**

It is in the Sacrament of Baptism that the Lord forgives sin, and the Holy Spirit *creates* faith in our hearts. It is in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper that the Lord forgives sin, and the Holy Spirit *strengthens* the faith he's planted in our hearts. That's why we desire to come frequently to this special meal.

**“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”** (1 Corinthians 10:16,17)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**“For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

**Distribution Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ *Abide With Me* 783**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving \_ *O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is* 342**

## **Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! Amen.

**Closing Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ *Love Has Come* 364**

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Cudahy, Wisconsin

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

December 31, 2022 / January 1, 2023

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

- **Welcome! ...** We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you are a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom ...** Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's and men's are on the lower level. Changing tables are available in each.

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message.

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**Saturday (December 31)**

6:30 PM.....New Year’s Eve/Communion

**Sunday (January 1)**

9:30 AM.....New Year’s Day/Communion

(NOTE: New Year’s Eve & Day Services are the same.)

**Wednesday (January 4)**

8:00 AM.....Classes resume at school

**Thursday (January 5)**

6:30 PM.....Worship

**Saturday, (January 7)**

8:00 AM-Noon...Properties Team

**Sunday (January 8)**

8:30 AM.....Sunday School

8:30 AM.....Bible Class

9:30 AM.....Worship

10:30 AM.....Fellowship

**We Gather**

Christmas Eve .....315

Christmas Day .....86

Total.....401

**We Bring Gifts**

Envelopes .....\$11,932.26

Holidays ..... \$6,127.00

Memorial ..... \$450.00

E-Offerings.....\$2,397.68

Total.....\$20,906.94

**Memorial**

In Memory of Kathy Brandt,  
\$450 has been given  
by Family & Friends

**St. Paul’s New Church Secretary**

After 26 years of faithful service to her Lord and our congregation, Sandy Fairbanks is retiring.

Our new church secretary is Jessica Hamilton. She and her husband, Chuck, have three sons, Asher and Holden attend our school. We ask the Lord to bless her service to the Lord and our congregation.

**We Usher**

**Thursday (1/5)**

M Coulturst, R Vircks

**Sunday (1/8)**

D Borree, J Ziemann

**We Greet**

**Sunday (1/8)**

Charlie & Ruth Price  
Jeff & Kim Nordby

**Men’s Breakfast Bible Study**

On the first and third Tuesdays of the month, the men gather at 6:15 am for breakfast and Bible Study at Andrea’s Restaurant on S. Packard Ave in Cudahy.

We don’t meet in January (winter break). We meet again on Feb.7. *“Your Questions, Scripture’s Answers”*

## [“I Know That I Know” A New Bible Study: January 8/9](#)

Sometimes having faith doesn't feel like enough. Whether your faith in Jesus is new, or you've been walking with him for decades, you might still lie awake in bed at night wondering,

*“How do I know that I believe?”*

*“What if my faith isn't strong enough  
to get into heaven?”*



Help clear away the confusion about faith with this study. We'll be introduced to relatable people in the Bible who had their faith put to the test or their doubt challenged by truth. In every chapter of “I Know That I Know,” we'll examine a unique facet of the Christians faith.

**Sundays at 8:30 am ... repeated ... Mondays at 6:30 pm.**

### [Join Us for Fellowship](#)

Stay after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to enjoy treats, coffee and chat with others.

Guests, visitors and members are all welcome!

*Host 2: L. Gaertner & S. Marshall*

*Host 4: T. Smukowski & S. Santoro*

### [Project Concern Food Drive](#)

St. Paul's Monday Night Public School Class delivered all the food donations that came in during the Christmas Season. A letter of thanks was sent to the congregation for the donations and to the 7th and 8th Graders who delivered them.

### [Sunday School](#)

All Kids 3-10 Yrs. Old

8:30-9:15 AM (at School)



### [Thank You to Schmidt-Bartelt](#)

The **2023 Calendars** on the entryway table and the **2 Giant White Poinsettias** by the nativity scene are courtesy of Schmidt-Bartelt Funeral Services and Scott Koeske.

### [2023 Offering Packets](#)

Offerings are one of the ways God's people respond to His grace and goodness. Your offering packs provide a weekly response to His daily blessings! Check your church mail box.



### [Special Communion Service & Meal](#)

We take January off because of cold, snow or both. So, the next time we meet will be: Thursday, February 9 at 11:00 AM. Remain seated for this 35 minute service of Scripture readings, hymns and sermon. The Lord's Supper is brought to you. A delicious meal is served after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

### [Be a Prayer "Warrior"](#)

Would you be able to spare a small portion of the time God gives you each week to pray for others? We'd be happy to add you to our "Prayer Warrior Team." As a part of the team you would receive a weekly email, text or phone call with the names of those you'd be privileged to carry to the Lord in prayer.

Contact Paula Herbst, she's the "Coach."  
Contact her at: (414) 744-3091 or email: [paherbst@aol.com](mailto:paherbst@aol.com)

### [Free ... Forward in Christ](#)

Your **January** edition of *Forward in Christ*, (official magazine of our WELS) is available. You'll find it on the table in the church entryway.

### [2023 Flower Chart](#)

A new flower chart will soon be posted in the entryway. Sign up for a date you'd like to place flowers on the altar to say "Thank You" to the Lord and enhance worship for our Family of Faith.

Use the envelopes next to the chart, fill it out and return it to the church office. We'll take care of the rest.

