

**C:** We are relying on Jesus whose perfect obedience and atoning death have made us acceptable in Your sight. His resurrection assures His promises, and we look into the future eagerly awaiting His return. Now then, as Your children we pray with confidence: Amen.

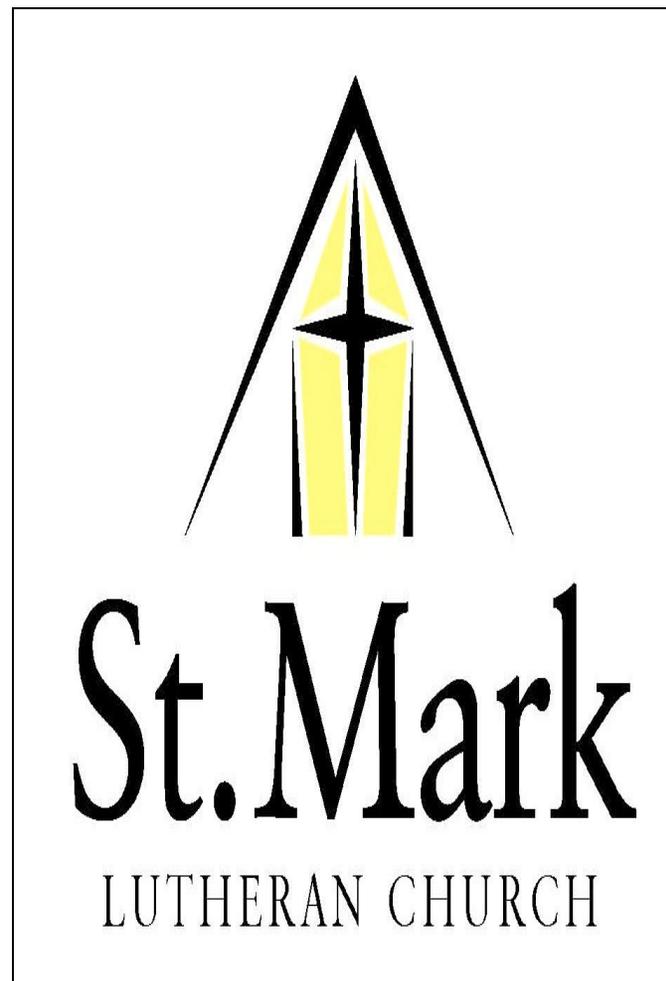
## BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN:** CW 70 (verses 4-5) Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

*“Another Year of Grace”*

**HYMN: CW 71 (verses 1-3) The Old Year Now Has Passed Away**

**Please stand.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- M: O Lord, open my lips.
- C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**
- M: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**
- M: Teach us to number our days aright
- C: **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
- M: Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love
- C: **That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

**EVENING PRAYER**

- M: Eternal Father before whom all rise and fall, teach us to ponder the brevity of our lives and the immensity of Your goodness. Help us enter the new year trusting in Your Son and walking in the way of His peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**GOD’S PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE**

*Grace – God’s free undeserved love for sinners – is a key thought in the apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. **By grace** Jesus died on the cross for our sins. **By grace** we have been brought to faith and are saved forever. **By grace** we have the power to live holy lives and to resist the power of Satan. God’s **plan of grace** for us makes it possible for us to face the future with trust and confidence – a fitting thought for this New Year.*

- C: **Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**
- M: Overcome the influence of Satan on us in this fallen world, and make us earnest to conform our desires and our actions to Your plan for our future with You.
- C: **Give us today our daily bread.**
- M: Sustainer of life, You have provided for our bodily necessities in the year past. Fill us with appreciation and trust. Year by year keep us alert for meeting the needs of others.
- C: **Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
- M: Continue to show us Your pardon for Jesus’ sake, and keep us ready to do good even to those who do wrong to us. While there still is time in this passing life, help us point them to Your saving mercy.
- C: **Lead us not into temptation.**
- M: Defeat the enemy who wants to strangle our faith in disregard for Your Word. Bring to naught the world’s ruinous appeal to our self-centered nature, and deliver us from the hold of unrepented sin.
- C: **Deliver us from evil.**
- M: Be with us through every trouble, so that when we depart this life we will still be trusting and walking with our living Savior.
- C: **The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**
- M: We look to You as Lord of time, Governor of Your universe, Head of Your Church, and we join with angels to adore You from Whom all blessings flow.

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Hymn: CW 310      **I Come, O Savior, to Your Table**

### **Prayer for New Year’s Eve**

**M:** In these last hours of the year we lift up our voices, reflecting on the  
praises and petitions our Lord Jesus gave us as an outline for praying:

**C:** **Our Father in heaven.**

**M:** Eternal God, our Creator, in Your mercy You have restored us as  
Your forgiven children. Trusting in Jesus’ sacrifice and victory in our  
place, we come before You tonight.

**C:** **Hallowed be Your name.**

**M:** We revere Your supreme majesty as Designer of Your universe and  
Author of time. Help us to know You as Lord of our lives here and in  
eternity, as You have revealed in Your holy Word.

**C:** **Your Kingdom come.**

**M:** Uphold Your claim on our hearts, reign in our lives, and employ us  
for sowing the Seed of Your saving Word in more and more hearts in  
the year ahead.

**Ephesians 1:1-14**  
**By grace God chose us for salvation**

**HYMN:** CW 76 (verses 1-3)      **Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**  
**Praise God for his grace in the work of Jesus**

**HYMN:** CW 76 (verses 4-5)      **Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**  
**We are saved by grace through faith**

**HYMN:** CW 384 (verses 1-2)      **By Grace I’m Saved**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**  
**By grace we are part of the Holy Christian Church**

**HYMN:** CW 384 (verses 3,5)      **By Grace I’m Saved**

**Ephesians 3:1-13**  
**God's grace sent Paul to preach to the Gentiles**

**HYMN:** CW 441 (verses 1-2)      **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**Ephesians 3:14-20**  
**Paul prays that we grow in grace**

**HYMN:** CW 441 (verses 3-4)      **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**  
**By grace each of us grows as members of the Body of Christ**

**HYMN:** CW 538 (verses 1,2,5)      **The Church's One Foundation**

**Ephesians 4:17-32**  
**Live a life of holiness in Christ**

**HYMN: CW 69 (verse 1) Across the Sky and Shades of Night**

**Ephesians 5:1-20**  
**By grace live as one filled with the Spirit**

**HYMN: CW 69 (verse 2) Across the Sky and Shades of Night**

**Ephesians 5:21-33**  
**Jesus' love for the church is a pattern for marital love**

**HYMN: CW 69 (verse 3) Across the Sky and Shades of Night**

**Ephesians 6:1-9**  
**Christian children and fathers, workers and bosses**

**HYMN: CW 69 (verse 4) Across the Sky and Shades of Night**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**  
**Put on the whole armor of God**

**HYMN: CW 70 (verses 1-2) Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter**

**OFFERING**

**Please stand.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come before God on this the final night of the year that we may be refreshed and renewed by Him. We long for our hearts to be filled with his love and forgiveness. So with great anticipation we hunger and thirst for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. But we also remember the Lord's own call for us to examine ourselves properly before coming to his altar. So before we partake of this blessed meal, let us confess our sinfulness to God.

**C:** Dear Jesus, as I look back on this past year, I must confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Countless times I have done what is evil in your sight and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve to be punished in hell forever. I plead before your throne of grace to have mercy on me, a sinful human being.

**M:** We also privately confess our sins to him.  
*Silence for personal confession*

## **WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

**M:** Rejoice, my dear friends in Christ! "The blood of Jesus...has purified us from all our sins" (1 John 1:7). By his perfect life, suffering and death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead he has washed away all our sins. He has forgiven the sins you have committed this past year! He has forgiven every sin you committed throughout your life. Therefore I stand before you as a servant and mouthpiece of Jesus with his promise that you are fully and freely forgiven! Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**M:** Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us this year with every spiritual blessing. With the miracle of the birth of God's Son fresh in our minds, we rejoice in his goodness and trust in all his promises. Now come with repentant hearts to the Lord's Table, confident that in his true body and blood is your forgiveness.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** 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."