

NEW YEARS EVE

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# WELCOME TO GRACE!

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We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

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## AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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HYMN: THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE

CW 637

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PSALM: LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

*Psalm 141A*



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

O LORD, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
 when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
 the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

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## The Word

### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of 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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING

***The Lord has been good to you in his creation.***

*Genesis 1:26—2:3*

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup>Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

<sup>30</sup>And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup>By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup>Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **HYMN RESPONSE: ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING**

*CW 481 st. 1*

Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
To God the Father let us bring  
our songs of adoration.  
To him through everlasting days  
be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise  
whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing:  
holy, holy,  
God is holy;  
spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory.

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#### **SECOND READING**

*Romans 7:15–25a*

#### ***The Lord has been good to you in his redemption.***

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

<sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know

that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN RESPONSE: ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING**

**CW 481 st. 2**

Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
    in whom we are elected.  
He bought his Church with his own blood,  
he cleansed her in that blessed flood  
    and as his bride selected.  
    Holy, holy  
    is our union  
    and communion;  
    his befrueling  
gives us joy and peace unending.

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*Please stand*

**GOSPEL**

**John 16:7–15**

***The Lord has been good to you in his sanctification.***

<sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN RESPONSE: ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING**

*CW 481 st. 3*

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
for our regeneration.

The saving faith in us he wrought  
and us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
made us his chosen nation.

Glory! Glory!

Joy eternal,  
bliss supernal;  
there is manna  
and an endless, glad hosanna.

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*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL**

*CW 850*

**SERMON**

*Psalm 116:5–7*

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD protects the unwary;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Return to your rest, my soul,  
for the LORD has been good to you.

**THE LORD HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU**

*Please stand*

## HYMN RESPONSE: ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

CW 481 st. 4

Alleluia! Let praises ring!  
Unto our triune God we sing;  
    blest be his name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore  
and sing his praises more and more  
    for all his grace and favor.  
    Singing, ringing:  
    holy, holy,  
    God is holy;  
    spread the story  
of our God, the Lord of glory!

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*Please be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.  
**Every day I will praise you and extol your name.**

It is fitting, O lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

**You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.**

You clothe your creation with beauty; your feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

**You know what we need, and you give us all good things.**

Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself – all these come to us from your generous hand.

**We thank you for these blessings, and we ask that you continue to grant them to us.**

We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

**Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

## *Silent Prayer*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**Amen.**

## OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!  
Remember to mark if you are communing.

## The Sacrament

*Please stand*

## PREFACE

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: SANCTUS (EVE) - SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

CW 1074

### Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It contains seven measures. The first measure has two eighth notes. The second measure has one eighth note and one quarter note. The third measure has a half note. The fourth measure has two eighth notes. The fifth measure has a quarter note. The sixth measure has one eighth note and one quarter note. The seventh measure has a half note. There are vertical bar lines separating the measures.

1 Round God's throne on high blaz-ing an - gels cry, sing - ing,  
2 Blest be Da - vid's Son! In God's name he comes, grace and



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
par - don to pro - vide us. Sing, "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"



shin - ing bright - ly forth, fill - ing heav'n and earth."  
Je - sus, hear our plea: come and set us free!

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace.

Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD: AGNUS (GER) - PUER NOBIS

Tune: PUER NÓBIS

CW 1059

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love you  
will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (Wisconsin Synod), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ABIDE WITH ME

CW 783

*Please stand*

## THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

## PROCLAMATION

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our  
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

CW 927

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