

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy
C Hear our prayer

-OR-

P Let us pray to the Lord
C Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194 & 195

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197 and following

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I'm But a Stranger Here **LSB 748**
God Who Made the Earth and Heaven **LSB 877**
O God, Our Help in Ages Past **LSB 733**
The Ancient Law Departs **LSB 898**

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199 and following

CLOSING HYMN

Abide with Me

LSB 878 (st. 1,4,5,6)

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory!



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Divine Service-Setting III-The Eve of the Circumcision Thursday, December 31, 2009

✠ **The Sacrament of the Altar** is celebrated today in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession is asked first to speak with the Pastor.

✠ Reminders for Those Coming To the Lord's Table...

1. Children (those not yet receiving the Sacrament) are encouraged to approach the Lord's Table with their parent(s), in order to receive a blessing.
2. Women with lipstick are kindly asked to remove it prior to partaking from the common cup.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the amber color liquid) are prepared for those who have a concern for alcohol consumption.
4. The distribution today will be: **at the Rail**

PRELUDE

HYMN

Across the Sky the Shades of Night **LSB 899 (st. 1,2,3,5)**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

INTROIT

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- C** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- C** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187 and following

COLLECT

P 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.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 30:8-17

⁸And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. ⁹For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; ¹⁰who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, ¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.” ¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, ¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; ¹⁴and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.” ¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses”; therefore you shall flee away; and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31b–39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:35–40

³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

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LSB 191

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689

SERMON

“Neither Death Nor Life”

Romans 8:31b-39

OFFERTORY

LSB 192 & 193