

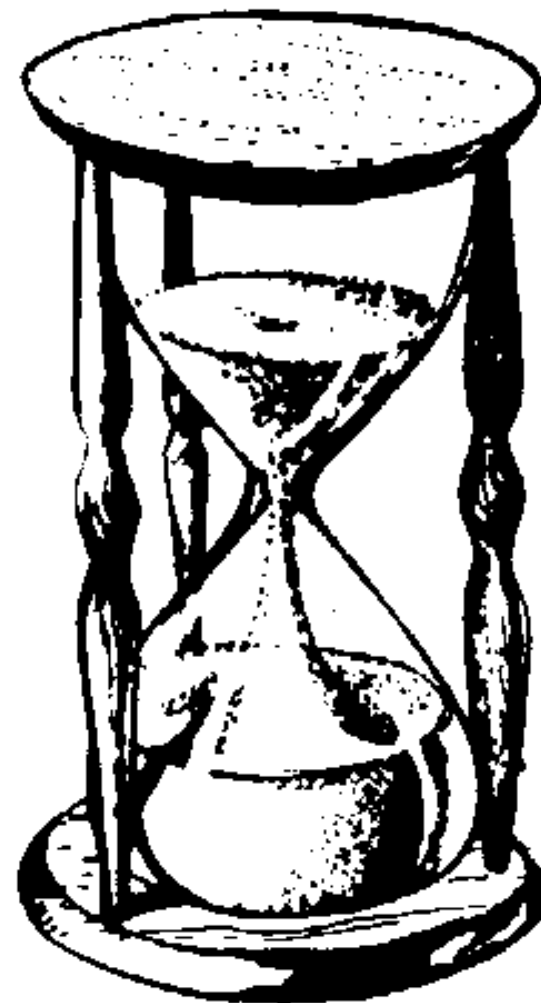
Favorite Hymns (from past years)

The Lutheran Hymnal

1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
15 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"
19 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"
27 "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"
39 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
53 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"
54 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"
87 "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"
153 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"
200 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
266 "O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"
279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"
297 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"
334 "Let Me Be Thine Forever"
370 "My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"
371 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
376 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"
387 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
388 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"
400 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
410 "Jesus, Lead Thou On"
416 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
422 "Savior, I Follow On"
428 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"
436 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"
457 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
463 "For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest"
465 "Christ Is Our Corner-Stone"
473 "The Church's One Foundation"
496 "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying"
520 "Commit Whatever Grieves Thee"
552 "Abide With Me, Fast Fall the Eventide"
651 "Be Still, My Soul"
652 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"
657 "Beautiful Savior"
658 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
660 "I'm But a Stranger Here"

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706 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"
710 "Once in Royal David's City"
712 "What Child Is This?"
723 "What Wondrous Love Is This"
744 "How Great Thou Art"
767 "Church of God, elect and Glorious"
769 "Lift High the Cross"
774 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
775 "Thy Strong Word"
777 "Amazing Grace"
784 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"
785 "Children of the Heavenly Father"
792 "Let All Things Now Living"
794 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem"
800 "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"



**"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."**

Jer. 29:11

New Year's Song Service

December 30, 2012

St. John's & Peace Lutheran Churches

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Members: Church of the Lutheran Confession

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A Service Based on The Holy Sacraments Baptism and Communion

What is a Sacrament?

The word "Sacrament" is not found in the Bible. However, we use the word "Sacrament" to describe certain things which Christ has given us to use.

A Sacrament is a SACRED ACT connected with God's Word. When we use the word "Sacrament" we are talking about sacred acts described in the Bible which have these three characteristics:

- 1) A Sacrament is INSTITUTED BY CHRIST.
- 2) A Sacrament has EARTHLY ELEMENTS - that is, Christ tells us to use something on the earth. For example: water, bread, wine. These earthly elements are always used in connection with God's Word (the power source).
- 3) A Sacrament gives SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS - like forgiveness of sins, spiritual life, and eternal salvation.

The two acts in the Bible which fit this definition are:



1. Baptism

2. Communion

*Communion is also sometimes called
"The Sacrament of the Altar" or
"The Lord's Supper"*

Opening Prayer

The First Hymn 716:1-2

PASTOR In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

CONG. (sing) Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: 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.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: 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.

Pastor's Message

Romans 8:3-4 "For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us..."

Good News for Sinners

God uses the Sacraments to give us forgiveness

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THE HOLY SACRAMENTS

I. What is Baptism?

P: Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

What is that Word of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

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2. What are the benefits of Baptism?

P: Baptism works the forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe, as the words and promises of God declare.

What are these words and promises of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

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3. How can water do such great things?

P: The water doesn't actually do anything by itself. The power is in God's Word, which is in and with the water, and in faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. Without the Word of God it is just plain water, and there is no baptism. But with the Word of God it really is a baptism; that is, a gracious water of life and washing of rebirth through the Holy Spirit.

Just as Saint Paul says in the third chapter of Titus:

C: "According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying ." (Titus 3:5-8).

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4. What is the meaning of this Baptism with water?

P: It means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.

Where is this written?

C: Saint Paul says in the sixth chapter of Romans, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

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I. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

P: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

Where is this written?

C: The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' "In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

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2. What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

P: The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

C: For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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3. How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

P: Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this.

C: These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

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4. When is an individual properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

P: Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation. However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

C: Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

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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. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 123:32:

***As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King***

The Lord's Prayer for a blessed New Year

People: *Our Father Who art in Heaven.*

Pastor: Gracious God in heaven, You enable us to call You Heavenly Father through the saving work You have provided for us by Your Son. Through the power of Your Spirit in Your Word You have made us Your adopted children. We therefore come to You as dear children address their dear father.

People: *Hallowed be Thy Name.*

Pastor: Dear Father, we confess that in the past year we have often not kept Your Name holy in our lives. We often gave in to temptations, and thus we dishonored Your name. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Enable us through Your Word and Spirit to keep Your Name holy in the new year. Provide us mercy through Your Son when we fail.

People: *Thy kingdom come.*

Pastor: Dear Father, in the past year, we often ignored or overlooked opportunities to spread Your reign of grace in the hearts of others. O Father in Heaven, since our time is short, make us bold to be in the world but not of the world. Through Your Holy Spirit give us a desire to be not only people of the Word but also Your ambassadors.

People: *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Pastor: Dear Father, You work all things together for the good of Your church. In the past year, we have often forgotten this truth. Our sinful pride has often insisted on our will rather than Your will. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Comfort us with the knowledge that what You will for us is always good, whether it be with times of trial or times of comfort and joy. Bend and shape our will to conform to Your own.

People: *Give us this day our daily bread.*

Pastor: Dear Father, there was never a day this past year where You did not provide for our needs. And yet we too often complained about what You did provide for us. Many times we have put our trust in the gifts rather than the Giver. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. This coming year keep us mindful of the source of our blessings and move our hearts to use the abundance which You provide to reach out to others with Your saving gospel.

People: *And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

Pastor: Dear Father, it is because You have forgiven us in Christ that we are able to come to You. When we were most unworthy, You looked on us with compassion and sent Your only-begotten Son to die for us. In this past year, there were times when we withheld forgiveness from a fellow sinner.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and in this upcoming year, place Your Son's cross before our eyes, so that we willingly extend forgiveness and love to all.

People: *And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.*

Pastor: Dear Father, there is evil in the world all around us. In this past year, however, we often failed to be on guard against the evil within us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. In the upcoming year, help us to resist evil both without and within. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, so that when temptation comes we may overcome it. And if our last hour shall come in the year ahead, mercifully deliver us from all evil by taking us home to heaven with You.

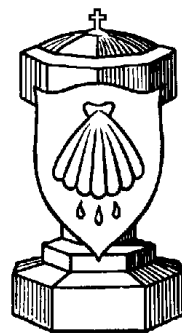
People: *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Pastor: Dear Father, all glory and honor and power are Yours. We ask all this with confidence, through Christ our Savior. Come quickly Lord Jesus! Amen! – which means: Yes! Indeed it shall be so!

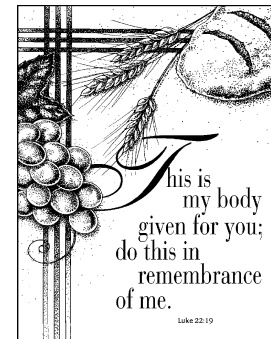
THE BLESSING CONGR. (sing) *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN 716:6-7

SILENT PRAYER



"There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism!"
1 Peter 3:21



A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL! We especially greet our guests and visitors today. It is the prayer of the congregation that you have all received God's blessings in abundance through the preaching of His pure Word and the singing of His praise. Please feel free to make a record of your visit at our guest register and come again! - you are always welcome here!