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**January 1, 2026**

New Year's Day

**Serving Us Today**

**Organist:** Caleb Eichstadt

**Instrumentalists:** Tina, Anna, Drew, Asher Eichstadt

**Pre-service Meditation:** *Psalm 145*

**Pre-Service Prayer**

O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, be Thou ever near us.

Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus hear us! (TLH 97:4)

**Order of Worship**

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.  
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

## **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn:** 120 – Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter

## **Invocation**

**Congregation** (sings): Amen

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor & Congregation:** O Lord, our God! We come before You as poor sinful beings. We are without excuse for sinning against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. These sins include words we should have spoken and did not, as well as words that should never have entered our thoughts or left our mouths. These sins include actions that we should have taken, tasks we should have done, endeavors we should have explored, but we did not out of fear, laziness, or selfishness; and we cannot even count all the things we have done, but should not have done. In addition to all of these sins, we confess those sins we don't even know that we have done. Our daily sins are great, and it is hard even to fathom the magnitude of all our sins in the past year. We plead for your mercy, fall before You, and each confess: "God, be merciful to me a sinner." Forgive us all our sins through the redeeming work of our Savior, Jesus, in whom we trust. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we continue to believe Your pardoning Word, that we may run away from all sin, and that Your holy and blessed rule will always continue in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

**Pastor:** Jesus did not live a perfect life and die in payment only for some sins—He died and has redeemed you from all of your sins, and He has done the same for every sinner. Having felt the sting of sin and knowing your desperate need, rejoice to also know Your Savior, Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever; who continually shows mercy and daily forgives *all* of your sins. Be of good cheer, your sins *are* forgiven. Go, and sin no more! Amen.

**Hymn:** 400 – Take My Life and Let it Be

# “Foundational Truths upon which to Build Your New Year”

## **I. Jesus was our Savior even as an Infant**

**Scripture:** Luke 2:21

*And at the end of eight days, when [Jesus] was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

**Hymn:** 114 – Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

## **II. The LORD Preserves Us**

**Scripture:** Psalm 145

*I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!*

*They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
[The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and kind in all his works]  
The LORD upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.  
The LORD preserves all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.*

**Hymn: 123 (1-4, 6,8) – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

### **III. The Church extends across the World**

**Scripture: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but*

*the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."*

**Hymn: 464 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

#### **IV. The Lord Arms Us for Battle and Hears our Prayers**

**Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and*

*supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance,  
making supplication for all the saints*

**Hymn: 428 – I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

## **V. God's Kingdom Is Everlasting**

**Scripture: Psalm 2:1-6 & Psalm 45:6-7a**

*Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,  
“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
“As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”*

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.*

*The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.*

**Hymn: 784 — Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

## **Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**A parting Word from God as we enter a new year:**

*Philippians 4:4-9, 13, 19-20*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever*

*is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

*My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Benediction**

**Congregation** (sings): Amen.

**Hymn:** 97 – Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

**Silent Prayer**

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**Announcements:**

**Our regular Saturday schedule** is in place for time in the Word this week: 9:15 a.m. Bible Class, followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

**The voters will meet for a call meeting** following the worship service. A time of congregational discussion will precede the voters meeting.

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NEW YEAR!