

# Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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## New Year's Eve - Service of Light December 31, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

*At the turn of the year, we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.*

**WELCOME - Pastor Julie Morris**

## DIALOGUE

A large candle on the altar is lit. A dialogue follows the lighting.

P The light shines in the darkness,

C **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C **and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

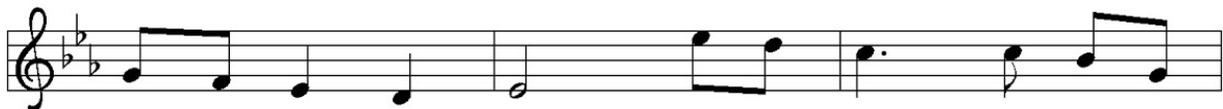
## HYMN OF LIGHT - "Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory" - ELW 561



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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## GREETING AND PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

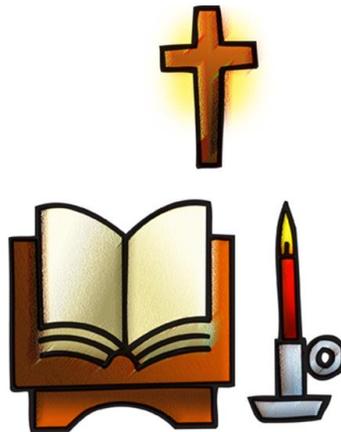
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD



### FIRST LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*For everything there is a season.*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 90:1-6, 12-17

Refrain (sung twice):

In ev-'ry age, O Lord, you have been our  
ref-uge, you have been our ref - uge.

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- L <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- C <sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**
- L <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
- C <sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
- L <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- C <sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

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- L <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- C <sup>13</sup>**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious to your servants.**
- L <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- C <sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**  
**and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- L <sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.
- C <sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

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## **SECOND LESSON - Revelation 21:1-6a**

*A new heaven and a new earth*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

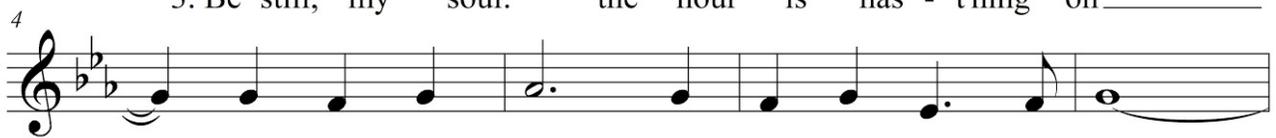
# REFLECTION

## NOTICING GIFTS AND GRACES: "Reflecting on the Past Year and Looking to the New Year" - Pastor Julie Morris

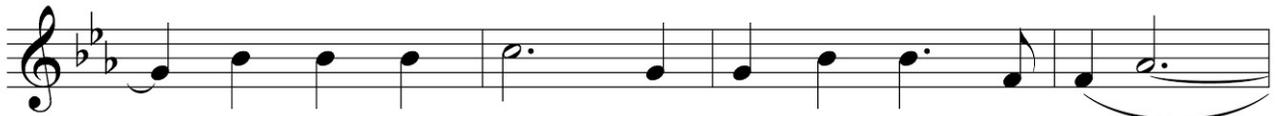
### HYMN - "Be Still, My Soul" (Schlegel/FINLANDIA)



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_



— Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_  
— to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past. \_\_\_\_\_  
— when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_



— leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_  
— Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_  
— when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_



— in ev - 'ry change God faith - ful will re - main. \_\_\_\_\_  
— all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. \_\_\_\_\_  
— sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. \_\_\_\_\_



— Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly friend \_\_\_\_\_  
— Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know \_\_\_\_\_  
— Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, \_\_\_\_\_



— through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end. \_\_\_\_\_  
— the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low. \_\_\_\_\_  
— all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last. \_\_\_\_\_

## LITANY OF HOPE

### Sung Response:

**Response:**



Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), and C4 (quarter). The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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God of Hope, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world. As the new year dawns, grant us an ever-deepening faith in you. Let the light and love of Christ fill our hearts as we become bearers of this hope in the world. Let us pray to the Lord,

**Sung Response: Gift of God, O Emmanuel ...**

God of Healing, we know that in you, all things are made new. We gratefully praise you for the hope and salvation of all of creation. We pray for an end to the challenges 2020 has brought: the pandemic, economic hardships, racial injustices, and divisions among us. Pour out your tender mercies to all who are ill, grieving, lonely, struggling and suffering, especially those we call to mind now ... Renew and restore this weary world and all of creation by your grace, love, and healing power. Let us pray to the Lord,

**Sung Response: Gift of God, O Emmanuel ...**

God of Peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us peace beyond measure. Grant leaders everywhere the wisdom and courage to seek peace and justice in all things. Continue to guide and make us instruments of your peace in our homes, communities, nation and world so that all might live in the peace and hope that you bring. Let us pray to the Lord,

**Sung Response: Gift of God, O Emmanuel ...**

God of Abundance, through your mercy you provide an abundance of life and love for all people. With grateful hearts we give our lives in service to you. Give us eyes to see where the needs are great, and hearts to give out of the abundance you provide. Continue to fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord,

**Sung Response: Gift of God, O Emmanuel ....**

God of Love, in your compassion you never abandon us. With Christ as our companion, we walk in hope. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit that we might courageously live lives that reflect your love in the new year. Give us the wisdom, patience, vision, and open hearts to discern your will, and a desire to seek you above all things. Let us pray to the Lord,

**Sung Response: Gift of God, O Emmanuel ...**

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, especially those we call to mind now ... rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole lives to you, as we begin this new year in the hope we have through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**P** O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. as we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. fill our days with the light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home, where you live and reign forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**



## HYMN - "Hymn for the New Year" (Ottományi/AULD LANG SYNE)



1. E - tern - al God, Cre - a - tor blest, O\_\_ font of love and grace  
2. We pray that in this year to come, what-e'er your will may be,  
3. O God of hope, we pray for those we loved who've gone be - fore,  
4. And when the storms of time have passed, your trum - pet's clar - ion call



whose love sus - tains our ev - 'ry breath, sus - tains all time and space:  
Lord, grant us strength to con - quer fear and serve you faith - ful - ly.  
the ones whose love once graced our lives, who walk with us no more.  
will sum - mon all your peo - ple home where you are All in All.



we thank you for this pass - ing year, its bless - ings and its pains,  
To you we owe our hymns of praise, great Auth - or of our song;  
O God, Cre - a - tor, hear our plea to keep them in your sight  
Be - stow on us your bless - ings, Lord, and grant us length of days



its times of fear and times of joy, its loss - es and its pains.  
to you we look for length of days and peace the whole year long.  
and grant them ev - er - last - ing life in\_\_ your e - ter - nal light.  
that we may join the an - gels' song and ev - er sing your praise.

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### FINAL BLESSING

**P** The past, the present, and the future rest in God's hands.  
Our Almighty God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
bless and keep you and all those you love,  
now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

### POSTLUDE - "Silent Night" - Mount Cross Virtual Choir Video

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(The church office is closed tomorrow for the New Year's holiday!)  
**Wishing you a healthy, blessed, and peaceful New Year!!**

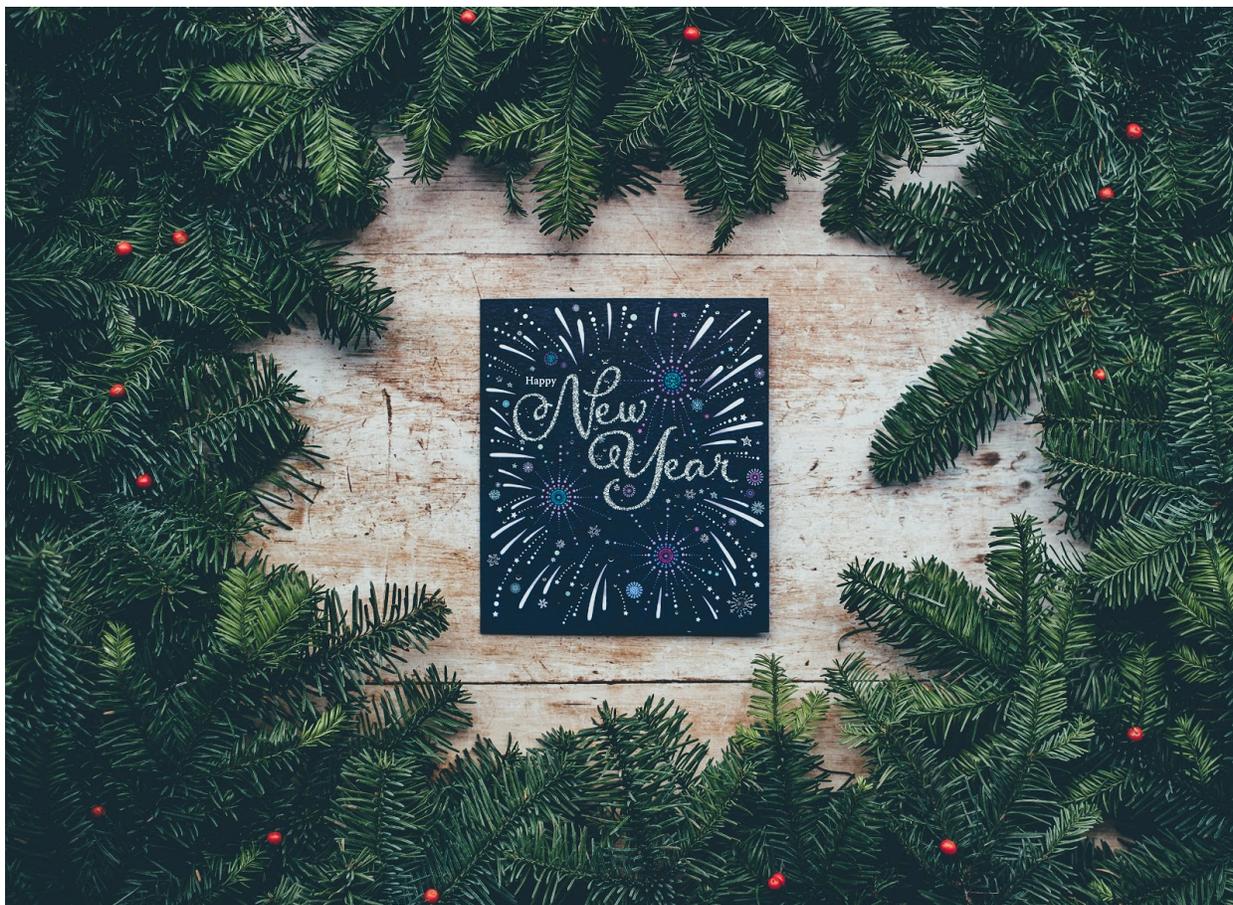


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