

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**HYMN - 56 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER**

M: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**LESSON - Isaiah 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; <sup>2</sup> look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden,

her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup> "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants

die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

**SONG - "Let My Prayer Rise Before You" (page 55 - sing)**

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**LESSON - 1 Peter 1:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

<sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

**GOSPEL - Luke 13:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'"

<sup>8</sup> " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

**SEASONAL RESPONSE**

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**HYMN - 71:1-4 "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"****SERMON - 1 Peter 1:22-24****"His Word Stands"****HYMN - 67 "What Child Is This"****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

SONG OF SIMEON (page 61 - sing)

## BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN - 64 "Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At the conclusion of hymn 64, Holy Communion will be distributed at the front of the sanctuary. Communicants, please come forward at the direction of the usher using the center aisle.*

- Stand on the tape marks in front of the first row of seats.
- Use the full width of the sanctuary to keep distance from other households.
- The elder will put the bread into your open hand. When everyone has the bread, pastor will say, "Take, eat..."
- Pastor will hold out the tray for you to take an individual cup. When everyone has the cup, pastor will say, "Take, drink..."
- When your table has received a blessing, exit using the side aisles.



OFFERING - Offerings may be placed in the plate as you leave the sanctuary.

### Serving today:

**Organist:** Jane Vacek

**Altar Guild:** Betty Henke & Donna Telecky **Elder:** Kurt Leske

**Video:** Mike Heine

**Ushers:** Kori Leske, Jay Mackedanz, Steve Wendorff, Mike Yerks, Craig Kohls, Carl Horrmann, Tom Schlueter, Lucas Plamann



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