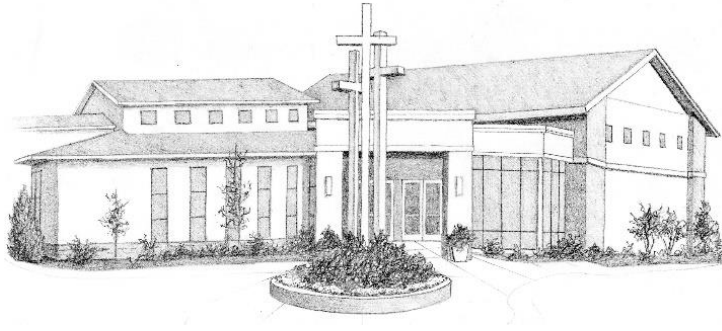


**New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2023  
Heritage Lutheran Church  
Apple Valley, MN  
10:00 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Hymn #160 "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"**  
*(Please stand for the last verse)*

1 Our God, our Help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal Home!

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

5 Thy word commands our flesh to dust:  
"Return, ye son of men!"  
All nations rose from earth at first  
And turn to earth again.

6 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

7 Like flow'ry fields the nations stand  
Pleased with the morning light;  
The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand  
Lie with'ring ere 'tis night.

8 O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last  
And our eternal Home!

### 3. Invocation

**Pastor** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** Amen.

### 4. The Confession of Sin

**Pastor** Let us confess our sins:

**Congregation** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### 5. The Kyrie - Hymn #34 "Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above"

Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love  
Of all things the Maker and Preserver. Eleison, eleison!  
Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring.  
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,  
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, eleison!  
Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;  
Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.  
Eleison, eleison!

### 6. The Gloria - Hymn #35 "All Glory Be to God on High" verse 1

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.  
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;  
O thank Him for His goodness!

### 7. The Collect for the Day

**Pastor** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes down every good and perfect gift: We give You thanks for all Your benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech You of Your goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Your blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### 8. Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 51:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will

be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**9. Psalm 8** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**10. The Epistle Romans 8:31-39**

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who 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. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor 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.

**11. Chief Hymn #233 “The Gospel Shows The Father’s Grace”**

1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.

2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made th'atoning sacrifice,  
And call the souls with guilt opprest  
To come and find eternal rest.

3 It brings the Savior's righteousness  
Our souls to robe in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

4 It is the pow'r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The heavy-laden souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its tidings learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!

## **12. The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 1:18-21***

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

## **13. Creed Hymn # 37 "We All Believe In One True God"**

1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present Help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host,  
By whose mighty pow'r alone  
All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's Son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won,  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both fore'er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blest and Holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!

## **14. The Sermon "More Than Conquerors" *Romans 8:31-39***

## **15. The Offering Collection**

## **16. The Prayers**

### ***The Service of the Holy Communion***

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

**17. The Lord's Prayer** *sung by all. Tune: ELH p. 53*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**18. The Words of Institution**

**Pastor** 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. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also 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 Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**19. The Distribution and Reception of The Lord's Supper**

**20. Collect of Thanksgiving**

**Pastor** Let us give thanks and pray: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for feeding us with the most precious body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**Congregation** Amen.

**21. The Benediction**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Congregation** Amen.

**22. Benediction Hymn – #262 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

## Communion Prayers

### Before

We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

### After

Lord Jesus Christ, even as You rose triumphant from the grave, I beseech You to grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in the newness of life, that when You appear as my Judge and Redeemer, I shall greet You in peace and joy, and may throughout eternity enjoy the bliss of Your unveiled Presence. Amen

## The Exhortation

**Pastor:** Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Announcements

**Heritage School Call Extended** - At the call meeting this last Sunday, the voters of Heritage extended a Divine Call to Miss Nicole Roper to teach in our new K-2 classroom. She is currently serving as preschool director and teacher at Cross of Christ in Coon Rapids. Please pray for her as she deliberates her new call to Heritage as well as her current call at Cross of Christ. May the Lord guide her to what is best for his Kingdom.

**Board of Elders** – The Board of Elders will meet on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** – The Women's Monday evening Bible Class will reconvene on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study will reconvene in January.

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** – Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex.

