

God Bless Your Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church
2155 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur IL

Divine Service - New Year's Eve 2020

The Prelude

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

CONG..... The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Pastor: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

CONG..... We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

CONG..... In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

The Opening Hymn: 700 ss. 1-4

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

The Confession and Absolution

CONG..... O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Pastor: We praise and thank you, O God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom you have enlightened us by revealing the light that

never fades. Night has fallen, and the year's allotted span draws to a close. The daylight which you created for our pleasure has fully satisfied us, and yet, of your free gift, now the evening lights do not fail us. We praise you and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; through him be glory, honor, and power to you in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.

CONG..... Amen.

We read together The Scripture Reading: PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

Hymn: 677 ss. 1-8 "For All the Saints"

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

We Recall Departed Pilgrims 12/2019 - 12/2020

- 12.12.2019 ... Peggy Handley, age 88
- 1.18.2020 ... Gehrig Engel, age 79
- 3.5 ... George Purcell, age 67
- 3.20 ... Greg Potrafka, age 61
- 5.15 ... Art Atwood, age 80
- 7.18 ... Edna Allen, age 93
- 8.22 ... Doris Giesler, age 72
- 11.5 ... Dale Workman, age 78
- 11.9 ... Bill Dondeville, age 83
- 12.3 ... Mary Mickler, age 97
- 12.5 ... Irene Carroll, age 92
- 12.8 ... Frank Rozzell, age 85
- 12.9 ... Ilene Henrichsmeyer, age 77

The Sermon Hymn: 710 ss. 1-5

1 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,

and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

The Sermon

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 748 ss. 1-3

1 I'm but a stranger here,
Heav'n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav'n is my home;
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on every hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

2 What though the tempest rage,
Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav'en is my home;
And time's wintry blast
Soon shall be over-past;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav'n is my home.

3 Therefore I murmur not,
Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot,
Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fatherland,
Heav'n is my home.

The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 733 ss. 1-6

1 O 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.

Choir: 3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her 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 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

The Collect for the Word

Pastor: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG..... Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG..... Amen.

The Postlude

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