



Fairview

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New Year's Eve

December 31, 2018

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Our Order of Worship

About Our Worship Service: This worship service is specially designed for our celebration of New Year's Eve. We focus on the eternal power of our loving heavenly Father, the foundation of our assurance God has been with us during 2018 and will be with us through 2019 and forever.

Difficulty Hearing? Please ask an usher for a personal Telex Sound Enhancement receiver.

Difficulty Reading? Please ask an usher for a large print worship folder.



Opening Hymn: [588] Abide with Me

Worshippers stand.

Invocation

Minister [sing]: O Lord, open my lips.

Worshippers: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

W: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Gracious Father, it is of even greater importance that we commend to you our spiritual needs. Therefore we seek shelter for our souls under the comforting umbrella of your mercy; for you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

W: Amen.

Psalm 141

All: Let my prayer rise before you with incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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.

W: Amen.

Worshippers sit.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: [69] Across the Sky the Shades of Night

CW 69, vs. 2,3

Sermon

THEME: Resolve to Serve the Lord

TEXT: Joshua 24:21-24

M: But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.”

²² You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

Worshippers stand.

Offering Prayer:

LAPPY 96, vs. 3

All [sing]: Treasure too you have entrusted, Gain through pow’rs your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred And to spread the gospel Word.

Open wide our hands in sharing As we heed Christ’s ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving you by loving all.

Worshippers sit.

Gathering of Offerings for the Lord

Friendship Register: Our Friendship Register is an important part of our ministry of welcome at Fairview. As the register is passed down the pew, both guests and members have the opportunity to identify who is sitting with them. When the register reaches the opposite end of the pew, it is passed back to the center (please be sure to check the names of the people you are worshiping with). We ask that every worshiper is registered each service. Like registration for Lord’s Supper, the worship register enables us to express our loving concern also for our members who are missing these worship celebrations with their spiritual family.

An Encouragement to Joyful Giving: We give our offerings at this time in thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior’s perfect and unending love for us. God does not need our gifts; rather we give to express our thanks to God. These thank offerings are used to support God’s work at Fairview, in the community and throughout the world. The Christians at Fairview also view these offerings as a confession of oneness in faith and purpose.

Our Guests and the Offering Our guests are certainly welcomed to participate in this offering; however, we also urge them to feel comfortable in refraining from giving.

In Memoriam

It is an old Lutheran tradition to use the New Year’s Eve worship service to call to remembrance the Christian brothers and sisters whom the Lord has welcomed home to heaven. This section of our service begins with the singing of a hymn [69].

The names of our departed Christian family members are then read while the bell tolls. The remembrance ends with a hymn verse.

W [sing]: Across the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are fleeting.
 We deck your altar, Lord, with light, In solemn worship meeting.
 And as the year's last hours go by We raise to you our earnest cry.
 Once more your love entreating.

And while we pray, we lift our eyes To dear ones gone before us,
 Safe home with you in Paradise, Where Jesus will reign o'er us;
 And ask of you, when life is past, To reunite us all at last
 With those who've gone before us.

CW 69:1,4

Departed Loves Ones Remembered

†	Nancy Tomcek	born to life March 5, 1942, born to eternal life January 22, 2018	Age: 76
†	Steve Feustel	born to life January 9, 1970, born to eternal life June 19, 2018	Age: 48
†	Robert Johnejack	born to life January 29, 1924, born to eternal life August 26, 2018	Age: 94

W [sing]: Then, gracious God, in years to come, Whatever may betide us,
 Right onward through our journey home Oh, stay at hand to guide us;
 Nor leave us, till at close of life, Safe from all peril, toil and strife,
 Heav'n shall enfold and hide us.

CW 69:5

New Year's Eve Prayers:

Worshippers stand.

M: Lord, we thank you for your many blessings during the year now drawing to its close. Behind us lies the path our lives have traveled. It is scarred by sin and failure; troubles, frustrations, and suffering have made it wearisome.

W: With your help we have endured, by your grace our sins have been forgiven, and through your love we received countless blessings.

M: Ahead is a year of unknown paths, but we fear not the road because we know that you are always with us and that you will guide the affairs of our lives for our good.

W: Keep us continually under your tender care; turn our sorrows to rejoicing; give us help in times of troubles and healing for our ills.

- M:** Bless our families with good health; give strength to the feeble, and relieve the pain of those who are suffering.
- W:** May our unresolved problems of the past find a solution in the future.
- M:** Make us diligent students of your Word and grant us guidance and comfort from it in our daily lives.
- W:** Help us, your willing servants of your gospel, that with righteous lives and loving hearts we will ever praise you as Lord and Savior to others. Special Prayers and intercessions may follow.
- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring to you our private petitions. Silent Prayers.
- M:** May all that we do in this new year and throughout our lives be done for you. Let us enjoy your continual blessings. Let us glorify you. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- All:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen. Worshipers sit.

Communing? Please Register Members, please register for Lord's Supper by indicating your attendance in the Friendship Register. If you are not a member at Fairview, please speak with the pastor before communing.

OUR LORD BLESSES US

Preparation for Lord's Supper

- M:** As we prepare ourselves for Lord's Supper, we worship God for the miracle of this meal. Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a king to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.
- For musical accompaniment see Christian Worship, p. 34
- W** [sing]: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
 You are my God, and I will exalt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.
 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

M: The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

For musical accompaniment see Christian Worship, p. 35.

W [sing]: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us your peace. Amen.

Celebration of Lord's Supper

Distribution of the Lord's Supper The ushers will direct worshipers to the communion table. Worshipers are asked to spend time in prayer for each other when not singing the communion hymn. Personal preparation for Holy Communion may be found on page 156 of Christian Worship.

For our members who would rather not climb the altar stairs, there are two options. (1) Members may also sit in the front pew on the east side of the sanctuary. (2) During the singing of the *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*, you may receive Lord's Supper by standing in the pew next to the main aisle. Following this, the rest of our communicants will be ushered to the communion rail as normal.

Kneeling/Standing for Lord's Supper
Communicants may choose to kneel or stand when they receive Lord's Supper.

The wine of Lord's Supper is offered communicants in both individual glasses and a common cup. Worshipers wishing to receive the wine in individual glasses will take a glass from the tray when it is offered. (Please wait to drink the wine until the common cup is offered.) Those wishing to receive communion with the common cup will be served after the individual glasses have been offered. Worshipers will dispose of their individual glasses in the trays in front of the first pew.

Two kinds of wine are in the individual glasses. The darker colored wine contains alcohol and is the same wine as in the common cup. The lighter colored wine has had the alcohol removed.

Some communicants prefer that the pastor places the wafer in their hand rather than in their mouth. To indicate this, hold out your hand, palm up when the pastor passes by with the wafers. Communicants may wish to regulate the amount of wine they receive from the common cup. To accomplish this, you may take the chalice from pastor's hand when he presents it to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worshippers stand.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, as we bid farewell to another year. May the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, may the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son long for his coming again, and may all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

W [sing]: Amen.

Song of Simeon

(CW pg. 61)

The Sending Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the LORD with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

W [sing]: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Worshippers sit.

Sending Hymn: [329] Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

PERSONAL PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING FOR SERVICE

Christmas Decorating Removal is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th beginning at 9:00a. To get that accomplished, we need your helping hands. The more hands, the sooner we will finish. Come, roll up your sleeves and enjoy the fellowship.

Holiday Poinsettia Plants We thank all those who beautified the altar with holiday poinsettia plants. Thanks to Marla Koepke for coordinating the order and arranging the plants. Poinsettias are dedicated by Phil and Taleen Wagie in memory of Phil’s parents, John and Margaret Wagie and Taleen’s dad, Duane Clarke; by Jean Ramlow in memory of her niece, Mary Milton; by Dale and Faye Billeb; by Greg and Sharon Naumann in memory of their parents; by Bill and Jane Vinney; and by the Berger Family in memory of their loved ones in heaven.



Welcome to Fairview

Welcome, Guests! We are most pleased you are here and we pray you will be blessed. And we look forward to your worshiping with us again.

Shining Star Christian School operates a grade school in our facilities. We are pleased to have this high functioning school on our campus. Contact the school at 414/376-9230 or *contact*

@shiningstarschools.org.

Fairview Congregation provides our students with a Lutheran elementary school education by using the services of our sister WELS churches. We have also joined with



other Lutheran congregations to operate Wisconsin Lutheran High School located just south of Bluemound Road and 84th Street. For more information please contact our pastor or staff minister.

If you would care to learn more about the free gift of forgiveness Jesus has won for you, our pastor, our ushers, or any of our members would be most pleased to speak with you.

Rest Rooms On this level rest rooms are located in our educational wing. There are also rest rooms in the fellowship hall on the lower level.

Nursery We offer a parents' room for the worship enhancement of parents with small children.

Although we encourage parents to worship with their small children, we also acknowledge that from time to time, small children may not be in a mood for public worship. Parents may sit with their children in this room, giving their children a place to move around while they listen to the service. The Parents' Room is located off the entryway to the church.

Visitor and Handicap Parking We have set aside the parking places directly in front of the church on Stevenson Street (from the corner to the no parking zone) for the convenience of our guests at worship and anyone who is handicapped.

We ask our members to leave those spaces open for that purpose. That may mean that some of us will have to walk a few steps farther than we're used to, but providing parking close to church is another way we can show our guests and handicapped worshipers that we care about them. *We...ought to love one another.*



About Communion Fairview is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We believe communion offers those who are members of our synod a way to confess their unity of faith. Our guests, then, will not want to commune with us unless they are part of this family. Our pastor will gladly speak with anyone desiring to learn more about our beliefs.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays: 5:00p
Sundays: 9:00a

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