

- P: Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;
C: For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
P: Who knows the power of Your anger?
C: For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.
P: So teach us to number our days,
C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

The Lord's mercy and the sinner's joy

- P: Return, O Lord! How long?
C: And have compassion on Your servants.
P: Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
P: Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,
C: The years in which we have seen evil.
P: Let Your work appear to Your servants,
C: And Your glory to their children.
P: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us.

C: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

Hymn 110 vv. 5-6 Across the Sky the Shades of Night

EPISTLE: 2 PETER 3:3-9 The Lord's actions and will are not based on our measurements of time—a reminder as another year changes. Simply trust Him and His Word.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:20-21 The baby boy born to Mary and husband Joseph, the baby's adoptive father, was circumcised on the eighth day and named Jesus. Jewish time-reckoning designates January 1 on our calendars as the eighth day (if in fact Jesus was born on December 25). The name Jesus means "Savior" or "He Saves," the name the angel had so indicated to Mary and to Joseph. Jesus already shed blood for us on his eighth day.

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen!

HYMN 115 O Blessed Day When First Was Poured the Blood of our Redeeming Lord

SERMON: James 4:13-16

THIS YEAR'S MANNER TO PLAN

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow! For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

HYMN 118 Father, Let Me Dedicate All This Year to Thee

Offering
Prayers and LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

HYMN 97 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice Praise the God of Heaven!

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A BLESSED NEW YEAR IN JESUS THE SAVIOR!

THANK YOU TO THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN, CHOIR, AND MUSICIANS: Many compliments were received regarding your labors in the Lord at the Christmas Eve service. One email message even from a viewer in Wisconsin. The message of the Savior's birth is truly special, and you shared it well!! My personal compliments and thanks to all of you! --- Pastor Kanzenbach