

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 96:1-3,9*  
*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.*  
**Sing to the LORD, praise his name;**  
**proclaim his salvation day after day.**  
*Declare his glory among the nations,*  
*his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*  
**Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;**  
**tremble before him, all the earth.**

\* **God's Greeting**

\* **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #249:1,3,4 (PH)  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

\* **Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

**Be Unto Your Name**

We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the Ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Refrain:* Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

**Call to Confession**

When we come into the holy presence of God,  
our own humanity is laid bare.  
When we stand in the living presence of truth,  
our own falsehood is revealed.  
People of God, let us acknowledge who we are  
and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

**Prayer of Confession**

\* **Apostles' Creed**

pg. 813 (PH)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth.**  
**And in Jesus Christ,**  
**his only begotten Son, our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**  
**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 to heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand**  
**of God the Father almighty;**  
**from there he shall come to judge**  
**the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**  
**I believe in a holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\* **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun. *Refrain*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Eric & Penny

**Morning Prayer**

\* **Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today,  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

\* **Scripture:** *Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 (ESV)* pg. 706

<sup>9</sup> Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. <sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. <sup>11</sup> The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup> My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *New Year's Diet: Low World, High Word*

**\* Every Promise of Your Word**

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure,  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe,  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

**\* God's Blessing**

**\* Be Exalted, O God**

#32 (CEL)

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.  
I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;  
And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

**New Year's Diet: Low World, High Word**  
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14



**PSALM 119:105**

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\* indicates to stand if able

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