BETHLEHEM/ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES

NEW YEAR’S EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 31, 2018

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Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn: “Across the Sky the Shades of Night” #899

RESPONSIVE VERSES

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

P: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

C: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

C: The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them, the Lord who remains faithful forever.

P: He upholds the cause of the oppressed,

C: and gives food to the hungry.

P: The Lord sets prisoners free,

C: The Lord gives sight to the blind.

P: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down

C: The Lord loves the righteous.

P: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

C: But He frustrates the ways of the wicked.

P: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

C: Praise the Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All: Sovereign Lord, as You review the work of my life this year, I have failed You. I have coveted glory for my name, when it was You who gave me success. And when You withheld it from me in Your wisdom, I stole Your glory by grumbling and complaining. Lord, mercifully forgive me all my sin.

P: God is just. He has punished Jesus for all of our sins, whether great or small. God is also loving. Through faith in the Savior we have forgiveness from the judge. We stand innocent before God. As John says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us from all unrighteousness.” Let your heart be at peace with God.

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 30:8 -17

HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #733, v. 1- 3

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:31b - 39

HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #733, v. 4 - 6

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:35 - 40

HYMN: “In God, My Faithful God” #745

THE MESSAGE: “The World Cannot Overcome the Message of the Cross” Romans 8:31b - 39

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed -hymnal

THE OFFERING

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

THE LORD’S SUPPER—Words of Institution & distribution

Distribution Hymn: “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” #358

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” #422

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