December 31, 2017
New Year's Eve Day
Music: Janice Lehmkuhl

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Dear Father in Heaven,
Help us to realize that time is Your gift to us, to be used for our enjoyment and for eternal purposes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The order of Worship is on page 151 in the front of your hymnal. Holy Communion will be celebrated today, so the Hymn of Praise is "This is the Feast". After the offertory and prayer, we begin the communion liturgy with the Prayer of Thanksgiving on page 161.
* White grape juice is available for those who prefer and non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns: 333, 348, 427
Text: Luke 12:35-40
Sermon: "Time of Our Lives"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, December 24, 2017	73
Christmas Eve Children's Service	281
Christmas Day, December 25, 2017	69
Holy Communion	58

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: Romans 12:1 – In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Ladies: It's that time of the year again to sign up for Altar Guild and the Kitchen Committee. The signup sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

We've had some interest in forming a "prayer group"; if this is something that you'd like to be a part of, please call the church office and we'll put you on the list.

Prayer Partner Ponderings – "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." Is. 65:24 (Reminder-Look for our part and God's promise.)

Council Chair's and committee chair people: Now's the time to start thinking about finishing up your year-end reports! Please hand them into Sheila as soon as possible!

Your contribution envelopes for 2018 are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up. If you did not get envelopes, please let Carl Dykhoff know.

The Usher/Acolyte schedule for January is complete. Please check your distribution box for a copy.

The new Portals of Prayer for January – March are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	9:30 a.m.	New Year Eve Day Worship Service with Holy Communion
Wednesday	3:45 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday school
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

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Jesus came and made God's love real. There is something about a physical presence which makes a larger imprint than words. This might be a time to make our response to God real as well. There is something about a financial gift which reminds us that we are truly committed to a cause. It can make us feel that we are really part of God's work here. It would also be good management to give before the end of the year to take advantage of the tax deduction – who knows what will happen next year?

Participation in THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT is simple. You just write down some things about various areas of life, consciously live for God for a period of time, then write about those same areas and compare the lists. See how an intentional effort to live for God affects your life. A sheet to use for this project is on the table in the Narthex.

We are developing an adult class for the basic teachings of our faith. Please consider attending and bringing anyone who might be interested in membership.