

Christ Lutheran Church

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As we enter the New Year, what a fitting way to conclude our prayer as Jesus taught us: *"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."*

No matter what changes may come in the New Year, we can pray with confidence in the enduring promises of our Father in heaven. For the sake of His Son whom He gave as our Savior, God will not turn away our prayers; but our prayers are acceptable to Him. As we pray the petitions Jesus Himself taught us, we can be sure that God hears and will answer for our good. *"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us"* (2 Corinthians 1:20).

The Lord's Prayer: Conclusion

*"For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever.
Amen."*

Catechism Explanation:

What does "Amen" mean?
Amen means that we should be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen: that is, Yes, Yes, it shall be so.

In answer to our prayer, the God whose KINGDOM lasts forever and ever will continue to cause His Kingdom of Grace to come to us. Through Word and Sacraments, He will continue to forgive us our trespasses and apply the salvation Jesus won to us. He who baptized us into Christ and poured out His Spirit on us will continue to strengthen us, lead us away from temptation, keep us in true repentance and faith, and prepare us for His eternal Kingdom of Glory in heaven.

In answer to our prayer, the God whose POWER is infinite will continue to cause His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. He combines His divine power with His divine

love, to provide for us and protect us as we need. Therefore, we can be confident that He will still give us each day our daily bread – all that is necessary for our life. We can be confident that He will continue to deliver us from evil – so that no power of Satan and no earthly power can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ.

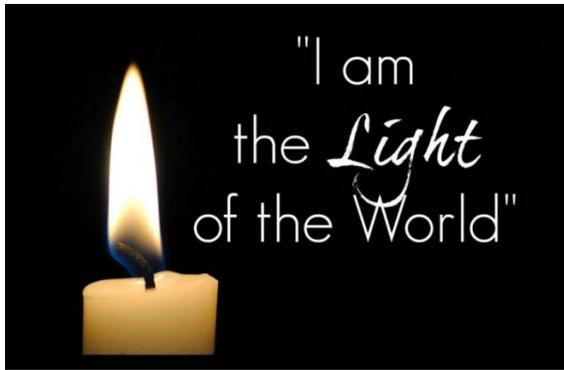
In answer to our prayer, the God whose GLORY fills the heavens will continue to cause His name to be hallowed among us. As we believe His truth and live holy lives according to it, we bring glory to our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16). And at last, He will glorify us as promised: *"When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory"* (Colossians 3:4).

This New Year some things will change, but not God's promises in Christ. Therefore, we can sing and pray with the hymn:

Amen! That is, so let it be!
Strengthen our faith and trust in Thee
That we may doubt not, but believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Thy name and at Thy word
We say, "Amen. Now hear us, Lord."

("Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above")

A blessed New Year, in His grace!
Pastor Smith



Follow Jesus

When was the last time that you used the stars to navigate? Stars!? We don't even use printed maps anymore. We pull up "maps" on our smart devices and away we go. It wasn't that long ago when stars were used for navigation. We have a vestige of that practice: the North Star. In the northern hemisphere, the North Star points consistently to the North Pole, regardless of the time of year or the time of night. If you know how to locate the North Star, even if you are lost, you will at least know what direction you are going.

We are lost. We have a sense of it. We don't always know which way we are going. We have this nagging feeling that life is not turning out the way that it should; that we are not who we are supposed to be. The cause is sin. Sin has darkened our world and our lives. We are all just stumbling around trying to find our way. In our blindness, we hurt the people around us. Sometimes, we don't see them and their needs. Sometimes, we selfishly

don't even care. If only someone could show us the way. If only there was a star that we could follow. There is!

Jesus said, "*I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12). Jesus was born to guide you safely to heaven. He came into this dark sinful world to find and to rescue you. He lived and died so that all of your sins are forgiven. Everything that you have ever done wrong is paid for. Your guilt is taken away.

He didn't do this because you were good or because He needed you in some way. Jesus did it because He loves you. He wants you to be safely home with Him in heaven. Follow Him. Read the Bible and learn more about what Jesus has done in love for you. He can be your North Star.

When life gets dark and you can't find your way, Jesus will guide you. He will take you by the hand and get you safely home. Follow Jesus.

The New Year is a time to set a new direction or to affirm an old. Join us to worship God and study His Word, as we follow Jesus the Savior.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.”</i></p> | | | 1 <i>New Year's</i> | 2 | 3 Jesus Cares Ministry for Special Needs 2:00 PM | 4 |
| | | | 5 <i>Christmas 2</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Packing Christmas Decorations After church Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM | 6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> | 7 | 8 <i>Happy Birthday Ray Ohlde</i> Youth Catechism 4:00 PM |
| 12 <i>Epiphany 1</i> Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM | 13 | 14 Council Meeting 4:30 PM | 15 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM | 16 CLWMS Women's Meeting 4:00 PM | 17 | 18 |
| 19 <i>Epiphany 2</i> Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM | 20 <i>Happy Birthday Kayvon Klein</i> | 21 | 22 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 <i>Epiphany 3</i> Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM | 27 | 28 Pastors' Meeting <i>Myrtle Creek</i> | 29 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM | 30 | 31 | |

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