
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
New Year's Eve
December 31, 2020
6:00 PM

+ *Service of Holy Communion +*
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER - *As the world rings in the New Year, there are many things to consider from 2020. We consider those who have died in the past year. We consider our own sins and failures. But we also consider all of the ways in which Jesus has continued to lead and guide us. On this night, we remember the love of Christ that sustains us through each passing year, and we pray His blessing on another year of grace.*

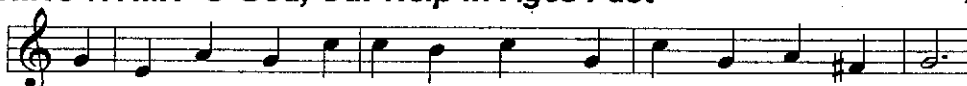
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

[♩ Means please stand; ♪ Means please be seated]

♩ **OPENING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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Psalms 124:8

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- ♩ *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
♩ **Amen.**
♩ *Our help is in the name of the LORD,*
♩ **who made heaven and earth.**
♩ *He has brought us to the ending of the day*
♩ **and to the close of another year.**

- P** *As we remember the year that is past,*
C **forgive us, O Lord.**
P *As we turn to the year that is ahead,*
C **lead us, O Lord.**
P *Our help is in the name of the LORD,*
C **who made heaven and earth.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:15–17

¹⁵For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,
 “In returning and rest you shall be saved;
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
 But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said,
 “No! We will flee upon horses”;
 therefore you shall flee away;
 and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;
 therefore your pursuers shall be swift.
¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;
 at the threat of five you shall flee,
 till you are left
 like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
 like a signal on a hill.

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

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31b–39

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:35–40

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁵[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

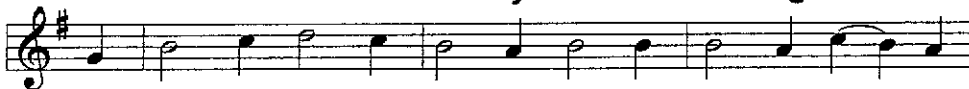
P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

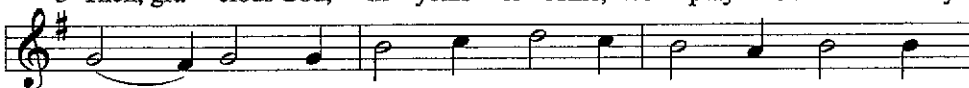
HYMN OF THE DAY

Across the Sky the Shades of Night

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1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -
3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your
4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your
5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your

sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last
 all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this
 grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our
 death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,
 mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our

hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,
 com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear
 strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day
 as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,
 ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife

Once more Your love en - treat - ing.
 And crown us with Your bless - ing.
 Of sor - row and re - vers - es.
 The joys of heav - en shar - ing.
 When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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SERMON

“MARKED WITH HIS NAME”

Luke 2:21

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C I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITANY

- P** Sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** for He has done marvelous things.
- P** As we enter a New Year, we sing to the Lord a new song,
- C** for He has done marvelous things.

- P** *As we struggle through division, we look to Christ for unity, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** *As we consider our sins and failures of the past year, we look to Christ for forgiveness, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** *As we seek to love our neighbors and enemies, we look to Christ for guidance, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** *As we run the race set before us, we look to Christ for endurance, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** *As we mourn those who have died in the past year, we look to Christ for comfort, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things.**
- P** *As we lay down our brokenness at the foot of the cross, we look to Christ for victory, and we sing to the Lord a new song,*
C **for He has done marvelous things. Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*
C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

During Communion: Piano Interlude

It Is Well With My Soul

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

P *Let us bless the Lord*

C Thanks be to God.

P *The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the \mp Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.* **C** Amen.

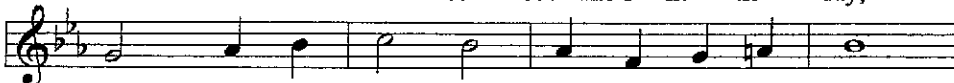
CLOSING HYMN

Abide with Me

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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POSTLUDE

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

by Kevin Hildebrand

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