



Hymn Sing & Communion Service

December 31, 2022
7:00 PM

AS WE GATHER... The movement from one year to the next provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the year past and look forward to the year coming. As we reflect on the past, many of us will remember particular joys or sorrows. Most of us will have had many ordinary days as well. There have been times we have forgiven others and times we have been forgiven ourselves. In the midst of it all was God's enduring love for us in Jesus. As we look forward to the coming year, we face unknowns. As one familiar prayer expresses, we face this new year "not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us." In the coming year too, God's enduring love will be present with us no matter what. For nothing "in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." With God's enduring love behind us and ahead of us, we enter the new year as people called to love one another and our neighbors in ways that reflect the enduring love of God for us in Jesus.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE HYMN READING

Leader: *Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Women: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.*

Men: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Leader: *The Lord has made known His salvation;*

Women: *He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

Men: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Leader: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

ALL: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

OPEN HYMN SING

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

TIME FOR PRAYER

Leader: *As we turn to a New Year, let us do so by asking God to guide us, enlighten us, and strengthen us for what lies ahead. Let us pray.*

Leader: *Lord God, You have done marvelous things in the sight of all people. Most marvelous of all is Your Son, Jesus, in whom You have made salvation known. As we reflect the year past, help us to forgive others, to learn from our errors, and to now dwell on our past sins. As we look forward to the coming year, keep us in Your steadfast love and faithfulness, so that our lives show forth Your goodness to the ends of the earth.*

~~~~~ Moment of Silence ~~~~~

Leader: *Creator God, your faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Forgive us for the ways our hearts have been drawn away from You during the past year. Draw our hearts ever nearer to You in the coming year, and strengthen us when our faith falters.*

~~~~~ Moment of Silence ~~~~~

Leader: *Lord God, You lift up the lowly and bring down the arrogant. For the times You have lifted us up when we were down, we give You thanks. For the times when we have been arrogant, and You have chastised us, we also give You thanks. As we enter another year of grace, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that our words and deeds declare Your praise through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.*

ALL: Amen.

TIME FOR GOD'S WORD

[Philippians 2:9-18](#)

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing,

¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE
Pastor Jeremy Lucke

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

OPEN HYMN SING

[Part 1](#)

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TIME FOR STRENGTH

Leader: *God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.*

ALL: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

Leader: *We come to the table, knowing that we need the strength that comes from the body and blood of Jesus.*

ALL: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

DISTRIBUTION

TIME FOR A BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home!

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE





Happy
New Year!

... look, new things
have come into being!
2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV