

A Celebration of the
NEW YEAR

December 31, 2023

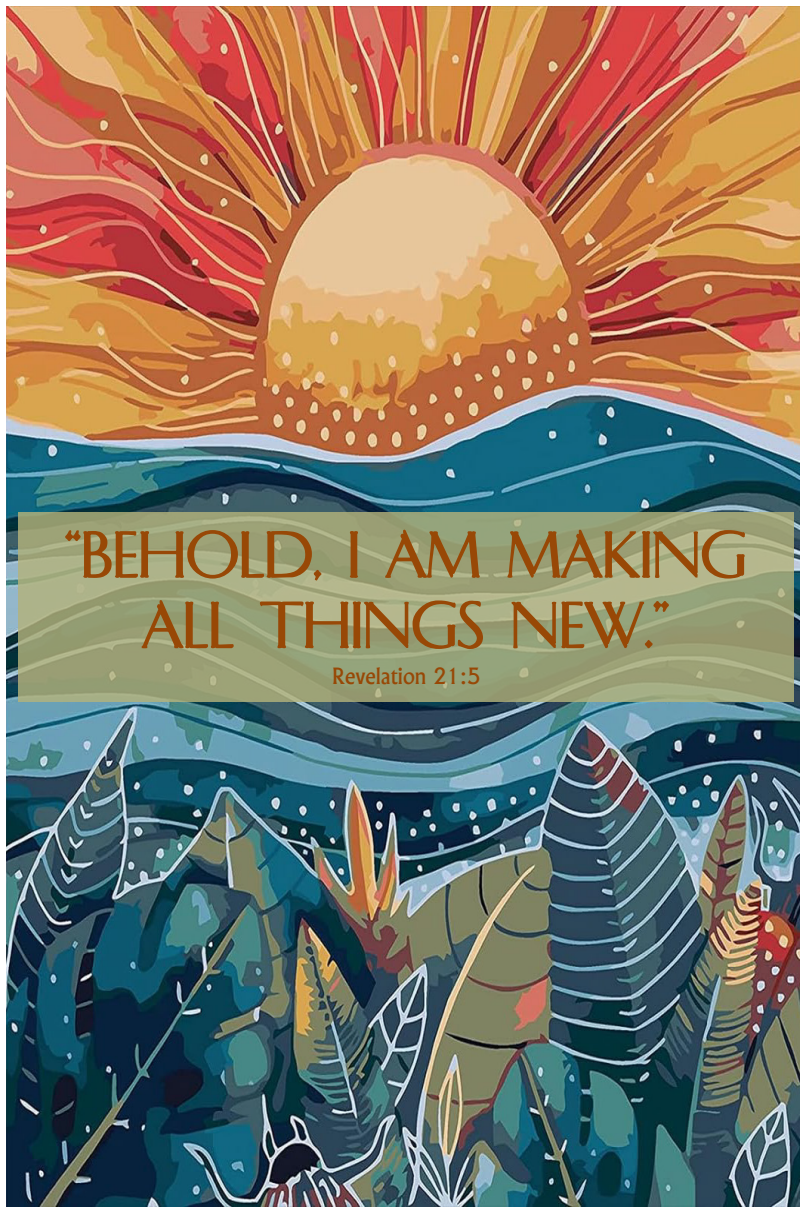


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New Year's Eve: Resolutions

PRELUDE

“March of Time”

Karl Osterland

AS WE GATHER

New Year's is a time of resolutions. We reflect on the year that has passed, and resolve to make changes for the future. But in an unpredictable, ever-changing World, how are we to know what we are to do? God resolved to reveal Himself to us by giving His Law, so that we would know His will for us, that we wouldn't have to live our lives in uncertainty under a hidden God. Though, in our sinful, fallen state, we fall short of this will, God resolved to send His Son; to set us free from sin and sorrow. He obeyed His Father's will, and fulfilled God's good pleasure by redeeming us in His death and resurrection. Now, having been united to Christ by His Word and Sacraments, we resolve to keep God's Law as new people through the power of the Holy Spirit; to love His Law, delight in His Word, and walk in His ways.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733



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.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We 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 guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

OPENING VERSES *Psalm 19:7-9, 86:11, 119:105; Proverbs 9:10; John 17:17*

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul.

People: The testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple.

Pastor: The precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandment of the Lord is pure enlightening the eyes.

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom

People: and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Pastor: Unite my heart to fear your name that I may walk in your truth.

People: Sanctify us in the truth Your Word is truth.

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: and a light to my path.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we consider the year past, let us each reflect on our lives. Let us consider those holy resolutions that God has granted to us that we have failed to carry out, as well as those evils we resolved to do in thought, word, and deed, for which we need forgiveness. The Lord asks His children to make a difference in their world by the things they say, the lives they live, and the way they love.

People: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Pastor: "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

People: Gracious Lord, heavenly Father, as You once blessed the little children, now bless us. Like Peter, we have the desire to serve you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our spirit is willing, but our resolve is weak. Receive and bless the lives we offer. Forgive the days we stumble, and renew us according to Your will. Apart from You we can do nothing.

Pastor: Jesus has not left us alone. As He promised, He has given us His Holy Spirit. To all who receive Him by Grace through faith, "He gives the right to be called children of God, to everyone who believe in His name... for of His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses but grace and truth are received through Jesus Christ."

(John 1)

People:  **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Christ, the Same"



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



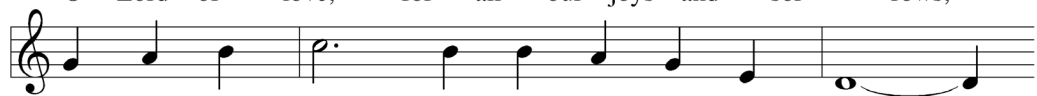
e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

(Love the Lord. Love your neighbor)

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God...

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:8-14

(Love each other)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far

gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Day by Day”

*Scandinavian
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL READING

(No greater love than this)

John 15:12-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People:



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Abide with Me”

LSB 878 v. 1-2, 4-6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

HOMILY

“What’s in Store for ‘24?”

Joshua 3:2, 4-5

Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor

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OFFERTORY

LSB 390 v. 1, 4



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
 4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
 Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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VOLUNTARY

“O Christ the Same”

Henry Coleman

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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.

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, 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, who is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, in whom all our days are made holy by His abiding presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI Jn 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI Jn 1:29

LSB p. 198

 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

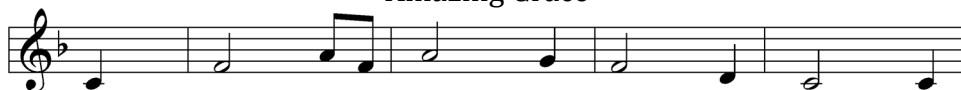
Amen.

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*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray, O Lord, Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for the boundless goodness which You have given us throughout this past year and for the blessing of Your body and blood which You instituted for us to eat and to drink for the binding up of our faith when we are weak. Continue to give us every blessing in the new year and guide us to look to You for all our needs.


People:  Amen.

BENEDICTION Num 6:22-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the ✠ Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." "

People:



 A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

POSTLUDE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Healey Willan