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New Year's Eve December 31, 2025 Service Supplement



Collect of the Day

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.

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



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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Introit (Chanted Responsively) Ps. 98:1-3; antiphon: Ps. 124:8



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

**Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done
marvelous things!***

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the
| nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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who made | heaven and earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 30:8-17

⁸And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.

⁹For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children unwilling to hear
the instruction of the LORD;

¹⁰who say to the seers, "Do not see,"

and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things,

prophesy illusions,

¹¹leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,

"Because you despise this word
and trust in oppression and perverseness
and rely on them,

¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you
like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to
collapse,

whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant;

¹⁴and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel
that is smashed so ruthlessly

that among its fragments not a shard is found
with which to take fire from the hearth,
or to dip up water out of the cistern."

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.

Gradual (Spoken Together) Ps. 90:12, 14

**Teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

**Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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.

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:35-40

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.

⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

HYMN OF THE DAY

899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night



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



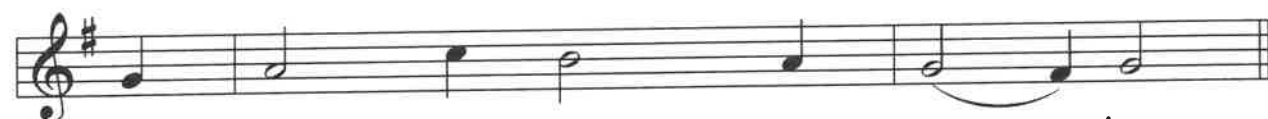
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



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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HYMN TO DEPART

390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

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Elder – Keith Einspahr

Altar Guild – Jane Dunn

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Hymn of the Month

The hymn of the month for December is Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #340 – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*. This hymn is one of the few texts in LSB where more than one tune is provided. Georg Weissel (1590-1635) wrote this text while serving as pastor in the Prussian city of Königsberg (now Kaliningrad in Russia). Weissel had a remarkable poetic talent and wrote about twenty hymns in all, including LSB 557 *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*, our hymn of the month for September 2022. The text focuses on the present coming of the Lord to His people, outlining the gifts He bestows upon us in rich measure: “life and salvation” (stanza 1); “the end of all our woe” (stanza 2); “He who comes to set His people free” (stanza 3). Psalm 24 repeatedly asks, “Who is this King of Glory?” The hymn’s answer is that it is the triune God as the first three stanzas end “To God the Father...to Christ the Savior...to God the Spirit raise your joyful/grateful/happy shouts of praise.” The last two stanzas invite us to prepare our own hearts as the place where “your Sovereign [shall] enter in and new and nobler life begin” (stanza 4). We respond by recognizing that only God can open our hearts: “Redeemer, come and open wide my heart to thee” (stanza 5).

We have usually sung this hymn to the tune for LSB 341, called MILWAUKEE, written by August Lemke (1820-1913), a Lutheran school teacher and church musician in Milwaukee. However, LSB 340 uses the tune MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, which is the first line of the hymn text in German. The composer is unknown. It first appeared in a German hymnal in 1704.

Source: Lutheran Service Book Companion to the Hymns, Volumes 1 and 2, Concordia Publishing House 2019

340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot is hu -
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to Thee; here,



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
 mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
 is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To
 set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -
 Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di - vine; Thy



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
 scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
 whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
 dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - reign
 face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
 woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
 joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free. To
 en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To
 guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -



God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
 ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.