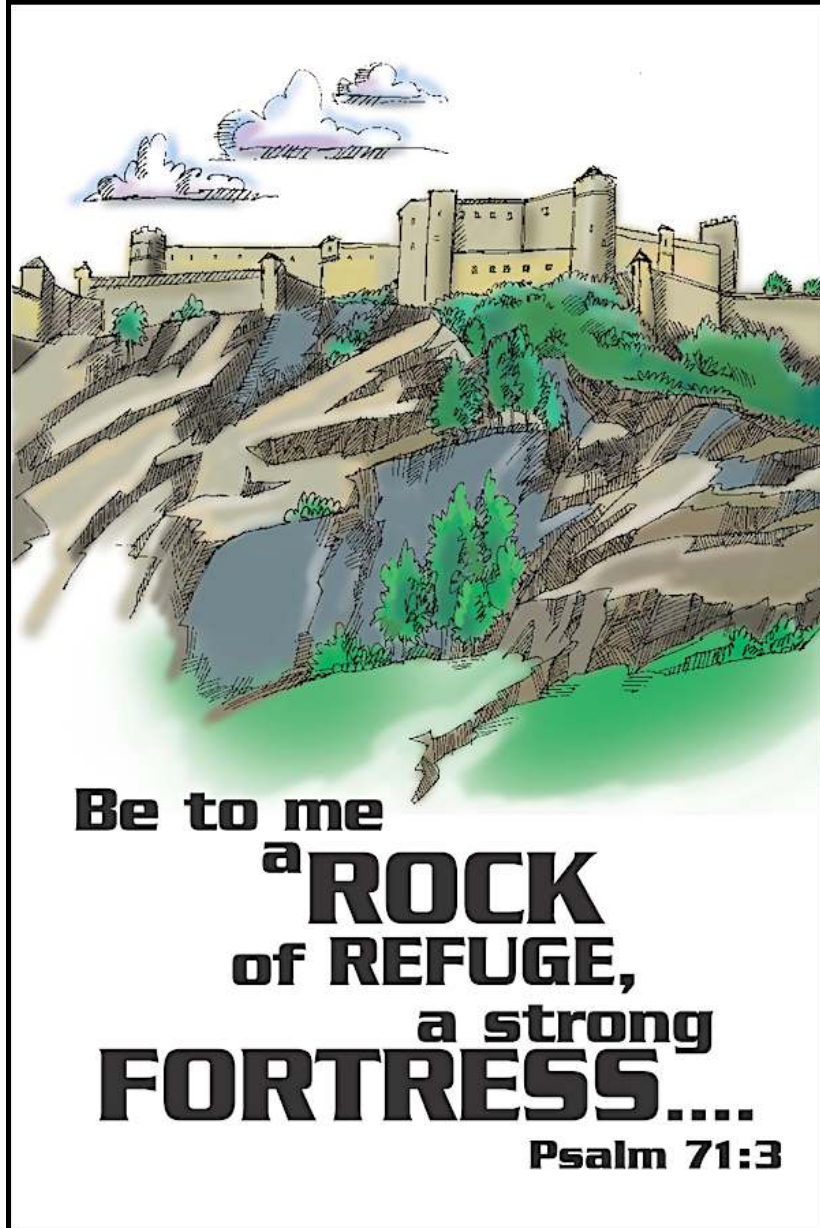


NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2019 – 7:00 PM



Be to me
a ROCK
of REFUGE,
a strong
FORTRESS....
Psalm 71:3

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

- P Jesus Christ is the Light of the World:
C **The light which no darkness can overcome.**
P Stay with us, Lord, for it evening:
C **And the day is almost over.**
P Let Your light shine and scatter the darkness:
C **And hear our evening hymn of praise.**
P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our merciful Savior:
C **Who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by night.**
P Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ:
C **May His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light for our path.**
P For You are merciful; You have loved us with an everlasting love:
C **We glorify You, our gracious Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 878 (1-4)

Abide With Me

Responsive Reading from Psalm 90

- P Lord, you have been our dwelling place:
C **Throughout all generations.**
P Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world:
C **From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
P For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by:
C **Or like a watch in the night.**
P You have set our iniquities before you:
C **Our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
P You turn mortals back to dust:
C **You sweep them away in the sleep of death.**
P The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength:
C **Yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**
P Teach us to number our days aright:
C **That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**
P Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
C **That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:22-26

Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

A year of life has glided by; I trace its course with thoughtful eye;
For rich in blessings from above It shines with marks of heav'nly love.

From day to day by Him were giv'n
Each earthly good, each hope of heaven;
Nor did His hand correction spare,
But ev'n His chast'nings proved His care.

And now a year before me stands,
The future hidden in its hands.
I know not what it may disclose;
But One who loves me sees and knows.

Upheld by Him, I will not fear To meet the secrets of the year;
Its changes follow His command; I know my times are in His hand.

My foes are strong, and I am weak, But help divine I still may seek;
Look up, my heart, and fear no harm, Almighty strength is in His arm.

For us His love has wonders done, For us He spared not His own Son;
O Christ, my unbelief remove! Nor ever let me doubt that love.

And when my days and years are past, And all life's training ends at last,
May I, accepted through His grace, Behold for evermore His face.

**A CLUSTER OF NEW YEAR'S EVE DEVOTIONS
FROM THE WRITINGS OF MARTIN LUTHER***

*(One candle will be lit for each devotion as a reminder that we
look in faith to Jesus, the Light of the World, for spiritual
guidance and strength in the new year soon to begin)*

- ❖ We Belong to the Lord (Romans 14:8)
- ❖ The Lord is My Rock and My Fortress (2 Samuel 22:3)
- ❖ What It Means To Trust In God (Exodus 20:2)
- ❖ Jesus Cares About the Poor and Lowly (Luke 1:52)
- ❖ All of Our Hopes are Fulfilled (Luke 2:28-30)
- ❖ We Are Kings and Priests (1 Peter 2:9)
- ❖ God is Great: Tell It! (Deuteronomy 32:3)
- ❖ Stand Firm in Your Faith (Hebrews 4:14)

New Year's Eve Offering / Prayer

Lord's Prayer, sung

Melody: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, Most holy be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth – in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; unto You In grateful love we bow;
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung By angel hosts and men
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue Forevermore! Amen.

Exhortation – Confession of Sins – Absolution

P Dear Friends in Christ: It is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in Him as your Savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his First Epistle: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I ask you therefore before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word, and deed? Do you heartily repent of them, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? Then answer: Yes.

As God has given to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and as you have called me to administer the same, even so, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Agnus Dei

Melody: "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying"

Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, All our sins You take away.
Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Lord, have mercy now, we pray.
Lamb of God, our prayers attending, Never let Your mercies cease,
But, Your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all Your gift of peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* From the devotional booklet "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord, A Collection of Writings for the Christmas Season by Dr. Martin Luther," paraphrased by Dr. Elmer Knoemerschid. ©1983, the International Lutheran Laymen's League, St. Louis, MO

The Thanksgiving

Melody: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, And we have tasted of His Word.

As His own servants we depart With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known; His love through all the earth is shown.

Lord, let us show the world Your light; Let us declare Your glory bright,
Proclaim Your death until You come To take Your ransomed servants home.

Glory to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord whose goodness sure And steadfast love fore'er endure!

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction, sung

Melody: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

- P** The LORD bless and keep you, Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with peace!
C **Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**
The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us Evermore! Amen.

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PSALM 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.
The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and even forevermore.

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