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The Order of Service

Hymn 382. - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

P: For everything there is a season:

C: And a time for every activity under heaven:

P: A time to be born and a time to die.

C: A time to plant, and a time to uproot.

P: A time to kill and a time to heal.

C: A time to tear down, and a time to build.

P: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

C: A time to mourn and a time to dance.

P: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

C: A time to be silent and a time to speak.

P: A time to love and a time to hate.

C: A time for war and a time for peace.

P: God has made everything beautiful in its time.

C: He has also set eternity in the human heart.

P: God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

C: Whatever God does will endure forever.

Isaiah 40:28-31(EHV)

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the eternal God.

He is the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary.

No one can find a limit to his understanding.

²⁹ He is the one who gives strength to the weak,

and he increases the strength of those who lack power.



³⁰ Young men grow tired and become weary.

Even strong men stumble and fall.

³¹ But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength.

They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles.

They will run and not become weary.

They will walk and not become tired.

By Your Side

LOOKING FORWARD

We look forward to the plans and the work that God has planned for us in the upcoming year. We keep watch, knowing that our Lord will return. We watch in patience, knowing that he has set the time and we cannot know it. We watch in peace, knowing that the victory is already won. We watch in confidence, knowing that we are in the hands of God.

READINGS

God's Plans: Ephesians 1:11–14

¹¹ In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. ¹² He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ.

¹³ In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. ¹⁴ He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.

We Keep Watch: Matthew 24:42–47

⁴² So be alert, because you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: If the master of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ You also need to be ready for this reason: The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him.

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them their food at the proper time?" ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master finds doing this when he returns.

⁴⁷ Amen I tell you: He will put him in charge of all that he has.

Patience: He Set the Time: James 5:10–11

¹⁰ Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. ¹¹ See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

Peace: Victory Is Already Won: 1 Corinthians 15:54–58

⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ Death, where is your sting?

Grave, where is your victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Confidence: We Are in God's Hands: Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸ Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

My Savior, My God

Sermon

1st Peter 5:6-11 (EHV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰ After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore,

establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

The Offering

Confession and Absolution of Sin

P: Dearly beloved: Since we intend to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is necessary for us to examine ourselves thoroughly, as St. Paul instructs us. I therefore ask you before God, who searches your heart:

Do you confess that you are a sinner and that you have sinned against God and deserved His anger and punishment? Then declare it by saying: "I do confess."

Congregation: I do confess.

Pastor: And so we should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Do you therefor repent of all your sins which you have committed in thought, word and deed? Then declare it by saying: "I do repent."

People: I do repent.

Pastor: And so we should repent, as Peter preached to the crowd: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." (Acts 2:38)

Do you believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven all your sins? Then declare it by saying: "I do believe."

People: I do believe.

Pastor: And so we should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Do you recognize that, in communion, that you receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine. If so, that answer, "I do."

People: I do.

Pastor: And so we should, because Jesus said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." (Matt 26:26, Mk 14:22, Lk 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24)

Do you promise that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you will change your sinful life? Then declare it by saying, "I do so promise with the help of God."

People: I do so promise with the help of God.

Pastor: And so we should promise because Christ our Lord says: "Let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

And have you joined in fellowship with us by joining a WELS or ELS congregation? Then declare it by saying, "I have."

People: I have.

Pastor: And so we should because Scripture declares: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

Upon this, your confession, I, as a called servant of our Lord, announce the grace of God to you. And, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Supper

Pastor: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Distribution

Remembering Members Who Have Entered Eternal Rest in the Past Year

In this New Year's Eve service we remember the Christian brothers and sisters whom the Lord has welcomed home to heaven in this past year.

Hymn 417. - I'm But a Stranger Here

The bell will toll while the names are being read.

M: When we remember our friends and family who have left this vale of tears, we remember not only who they were and how they touched our lives, we also remember where they are now. God gave us a glimpse of what it's like for them in the seventh chapter of the Revelation.

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

⁹ After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. ¹³ One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴ And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

¹⁷ The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

- ~ Robert Charles Nordquist December 22, 1963 - April 3, 2021
- ~ Milferd Louis Carl Behnke May 8, 1934 - April 30, 2021
- ~ Sharon Lorraine Malmstadt-Rupert December 17, 1947 - May 16, 2021
- ~ Coral Agnes Louise Diercks April 2, 1928 - June 3, 2021
- ~ Thomas Harvey Leeman October 25, 1954 - August 31, 2021
- ~ Gladys Marian Constine June 29, 1918 - December 2, 2021
- ~ Anita June Hemminger February 1, 1925 - December 3, 2021
- ~ John William Johnston January 20, 1965 - December 4, 2021
- ~ Kert Edward Guiliani August 2, 1974 - December 27, 2021
- ~ Duffy Kenneth Nast May 24, 1938 - December 28, 2021
- ~ Ralph Julius Spangenberg April 6, 1927 - December 28, 2021

I Will Rise

Prayer for New Year's Eve

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 588.vv. 1,2,5,7 - Abide with Me