



OH SING UNTO THE LORD  
*a new song;*  
FOR HE HAS DONE  
*marvelous things.*  
P S A L M 98:1

***NEW YEAR'S EVE***

**December 31, 2023**

**Calvary Lutheran Church  
Topeka, Kansas**

*\*Indicates to Stand*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN:**

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

**# 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.

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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**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C:** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*INTROIT: Psalm 124:8; Psalm 98:1–3**

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

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

P: The LORD has made known His salvation;

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

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

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

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as It was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**\*KYRIE:** "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" # 375 vss. 2 & 4



2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in  
4 From the bon - dage th - at op - pressed us, From sin's  
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -  
Fetters th - at pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -  
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.  
tressed us, We, the cap - tives, n - ow are free.

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 368



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
*Refrain*  
Glo - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a  
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**\*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

### EXHORTATION TO WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

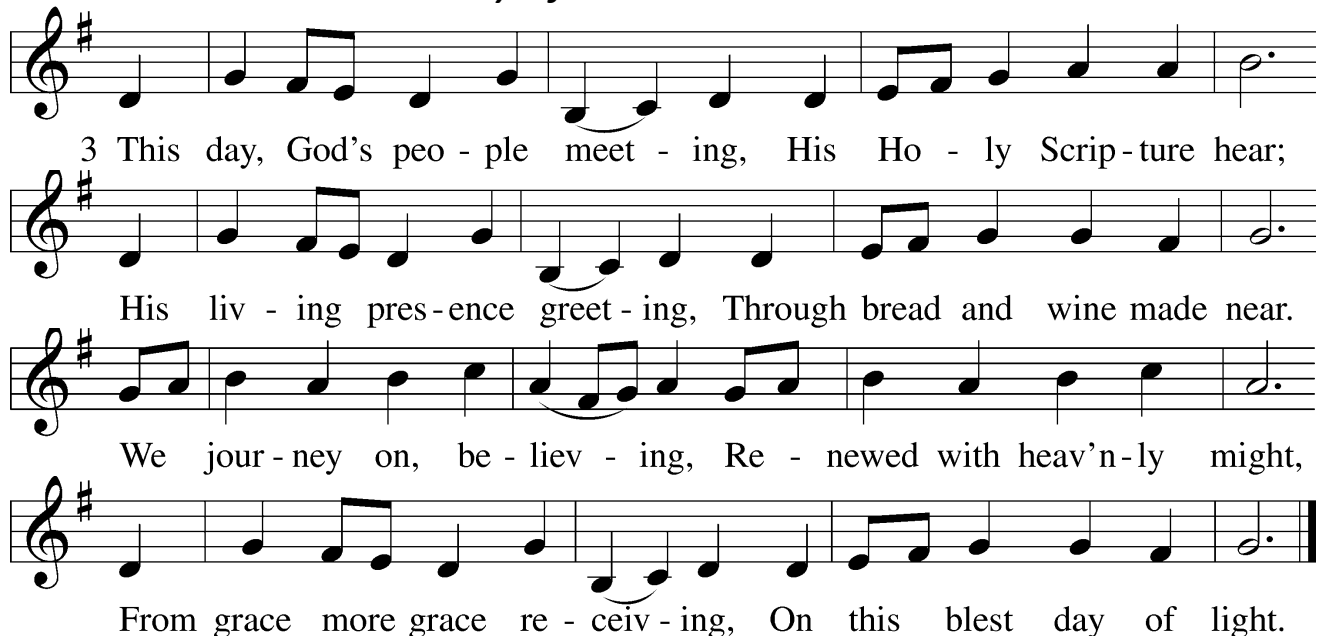
P: Instead of handing over ourselves as instruments for unrighteousness, in this new year let us present ourselves to God as instruments for righteousness. Tonight we allow the Word of God and also the words of some of the faithful who have come before us to urge us towards seven godly habits in the new year. God has set us free to be a people gathering for worship, the Lord's Divine Service to us.

C: **The Word of the Lord says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

*(Hebrews 10: 24-25)*

P: A word from Didache, a document about our faith written in the first century. . .

### HYMN: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" # 906 v. 3



3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.

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P: God has set us free to be a people confessing the faith.

C: **The Word of the Lord says, "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations."**

*(Psalm 51:7)*

P: A word from Martin Luther who lived in Germany in the sixteenth century. . .

## HYMN:

## "Lift High the Cross"

# 837 v. 5-6

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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P: God has set us free to be a people praying daily.

**C: The Word of the Lord says, "O Lord, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry!"**

*(Psalm 88:1-2)*

P: A word from Gregory the Theologian, the Archbishop of Constantinople in the fourth Century. . .

## HYMN:

## "Come, My Soul, with Every Care"

# 779 v. 1-2

1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;

He Him - self has bid thee pray, There-fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.

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P: God has set us free to be a people studying the Word.

**C: The Word of the Lord says, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let**

the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:15-16)

P: A word from Irenaeus, a bishop of Lyons in the second century. . .

**HYMN:** *“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”* **# 582**

God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for-  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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P: God has set us free to be a people giving sacrificially.

**C: The Word of the Lord says, “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**

*(2 Corinthians 9:6–8)*

P: Again a word from Irenaeus, a bishop of Lyons in the second century. . .

## HYMN:

## "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

# 781 v. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

P: God has set us free to be a people acting in mercy.

C: **The Word of the Lord says, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."**

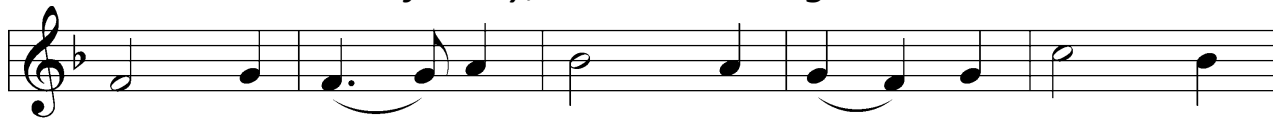
*(Galatians 6:10)*

P: A word from St. Basil the great, was the Greek bishop of Caesarea in the fourth century. . .

## HYMN:

## "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

# 851 v. 3



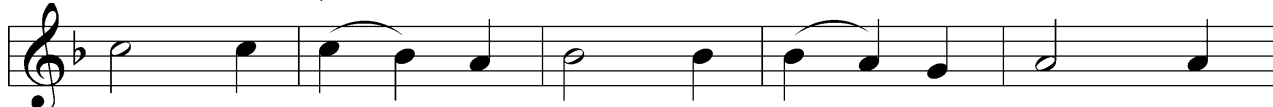
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our



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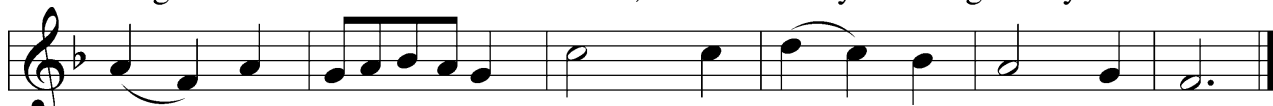
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."



Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You



deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your



poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?



P: God has set us free to be a people confessing our sins.

C: **The Word of the Lord says, “If we say 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.**

*(1 John 1:8–9)*

P: Again a word from Martin Luther. . .

**HYMN:** *“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

**# 435 v. 3**

3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.

**\*PRAYER FOR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD**

P: Let us pray. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

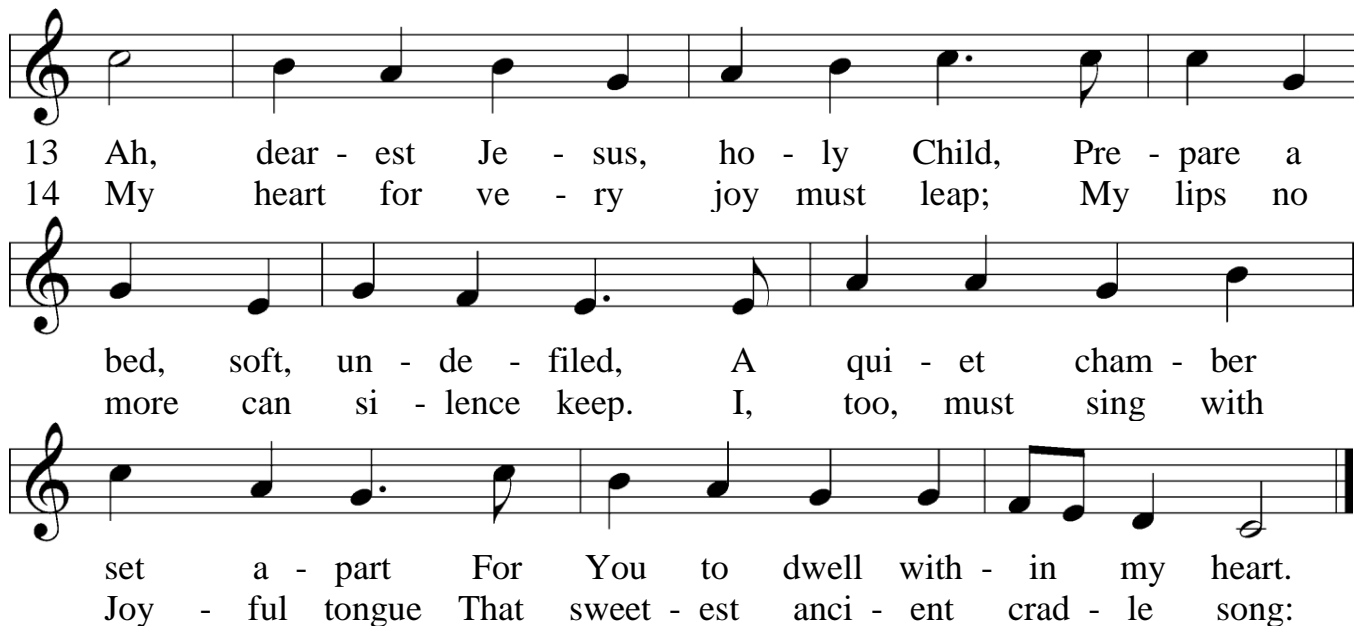
**\*NICENE CREED:** *(spoken by all)*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He**

will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who Proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERING:** *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

**\*OFFERTORY:** *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"* # 358 vs. 13-14



13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a  
14 My heart for ve - ry joy must leap; My lips no  
bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber  
more can si - lence keep. I, too, must sing with  
set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.  
Joy - ful tongue That sweet - est anci - ent crad - le song:

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(the response to each petition is shown below)*

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(spoken by all)*

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.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. . . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## \*BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" # 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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**Preacher:** Pastor Ben Ockree

**Organist:** Renee Patzer

**Violin:** Kenya Patzer

***Those of you who purchased Poinsettias are  
welcome to take them home this evening.***

**2023 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS**



<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Dedication</u></b>
☼ Kathy, Anna & Michael Reb.....	In memory Mike Reb.
☼ Kathy, Anna & Michael Reb and Allan & Kerye Jackson.....	In memory of Harley & Ellen Jackson.
☼ Tim & Debbie Leatherman.....	In memory of Bethany Leatherman, Karl & Louise Kertz (Debbie's parents), and Wayne & Marian Leatherman (Tim's parents).
☼ Kim Piercy .....	In memory of Travis and Barbara Piercy.
☼ Don & Linda Harrison.....	In memory of our parents, Melvin & Charlotte Deiter and Gene & Irene Harrison.
☼ Don & Linda Harrison.....	Dedicated to our children and grandchildren.
☼ Dave & Annette Jackson.....	In memory of Dave's parents, Dwight & Janice Jackson.
☼ Dave & Annette Jackson.....	In memory of Annette's parents, Harry & Geneva Sorber.
☼ Kathryn Kalinka.....	In memory of Richard Groves, my dad.
☼ Kathryn Kalinka.....	Dedicated to Mary Groves, my mom who continues to be a light in my life.
☼ Mike & Renee Patzer.....	In memory of William & Dorothy Hintz.
☼ Mike & Renee Patzer.....	In memory of Richard & Ella Patzer.
☼ Kirk & Cheryl Johnson.....	In memory of Wendel & Georgia Sales.
☼ Kirk & Cheryl Johnson.....	Dedicated in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.
☼ Bill Arnold.....	In memory of Diana Arnold.
☼ Jean & Kathi Killman.....	In memory of Larry Killman.
☼ Tony & Rae Zimmerman.....	In memory of Bob & Ruth Zimmerman.
☼ Gary & Robin Schultz.....	In memory of Jim Harney and Mr. & Mrs. John McConnell.
☼ Rick & Sandi Blush.....	In memory of our parents, Elmer & Lucille Stolzer and Edgar & Ruth Blush.

- ✿ Jim & Joann LaCrone.....Dedicated to our children & grandchildren.
- ✿ Jim & Joann LaCrone.....In memory of our grandparents, parents,  
and siblings who have gone before us.
- ✿ The Diekhoff Family.....In memory of Janet Diekhoff.
- ✿ Mary North.....In memory of my husband Harold.
- ✿ Mike & Karen Lietz.....In memory of our parents George & Inez Lietz  
and Don & Lucille Givens.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &  
Matheny families.....In memory of our mother & grandmother,  
Karen Bach.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &  
Matheny families.....In memory of our grandparents, Junior &  
Donna Pflieger.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &  
Matheny families.....In memory of our mother, Sherri Pflieger.
- ✿ The Williams Family.....In memory of our grandfather, Elson Grim.



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