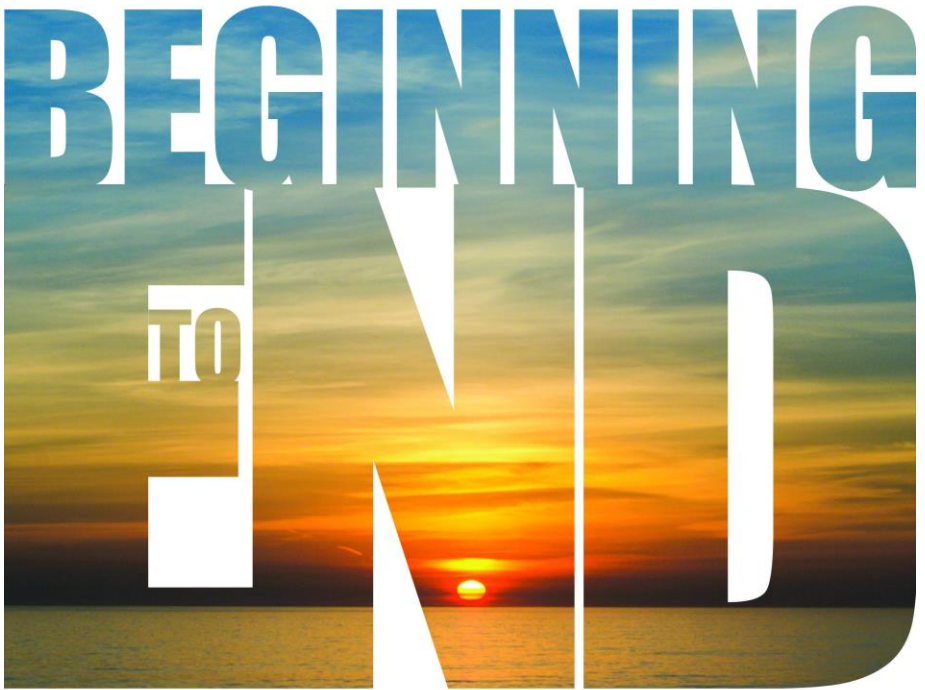


*He has also set eternity in
the human heart: yet no one can
fathom what God has done from*



ECCLESIASTES 3:11, NIV

December 31, 2024

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

New Year’s Eve

Liturgist: Rev. Kelly Buist
Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys
Pianist and Bell Ringer: Lisa Meyer

Five o’clock

December 31, 2024

Prelude: “Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

* God’s Greeting

* Opening Declaration of Dependence:

**O God, our help in ages past,
we bring our praise and thanksgiving to you at the close of the year.
O God, our hope for years to come,
we look to you as we begin a new year.
O God, our guide while life shall last,
we seek your leading in our lives each day.
O God, our eternal home,
we come as your children, trusting you for our tomorrows.**

* Opening Hymn “God of Our Life”

#404:1-3

Evening Psalm: Psalm 90

The Communion of the Saints: A Remembrance of Members Who Died in 2024

Evening Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

#747:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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Sermon: **WHAT TIME IS IT?**

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#405:1-6

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty
to give thanks to you at all times and in all places,
O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!
You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.
You have given us life and being,
and you preserve us by your providence.
But you have shown us the fullness of your love
in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.
For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you,
we praise and bless you, O God.
With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God,
we remember in this Supper
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross
by our Lord Jesus Christ
for the sin of the whole world.
In the joy of his resurrection
and in expectation of his coming again,
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
Grant that, being joined together in him,
we may attain to the unity of the faith
and grow up in all things into Christ, our Lord.
And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,
grant, O Lord, that your whole church
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Institution and Invitation

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance

* Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness”

#378:1,3,4

* Benediction

* Doxology “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise”

#932:1-2

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.**

**Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day.
Guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.
Amen.**

* Postlude: “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

arr. Mark Hayes