



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

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New Year's Eve

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OPENING PRAYER



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OPENING HYMN

**Another Year of Grace,
My Friends**

Written by Rev. Chad Seybt

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

1. Should all God's blessings be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should we forget what grace He's
shown
Each day to all mankind?
The LORD, I AM, my Shepherd is
My needs He satisfies.
He gives to me my daily bread
And all I need for life.

(Refrain)

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

(Refrain)

Another year of grace, my friends,
Has come and now is gone.
Another year of grace begins;
Forgiveness in God's Son.

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

2. He leads me to life-forgiving streams
To drink without a price;
He gives to me my daily bread
And all I need for life.

Though there be some dark days
ahead

They cannot hide my God,
For He is with me as He said
With Shepherd's staff and rod.

(Refrain)

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

(Refrain)

Another year of grace, my friends,
Has come and now is gone.
Another year of grace begins;
Forgiveness in God's Son.

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

3. The Lamb of God my Shepherd is,
His life He lived for mine.
His blood was spilled; His body killed
To be our sacrifice.
The living LORD my Shepherd is.
Thought He was crucified,
His body rose in three days time
And now stands glorified.

(Refrain)

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

(Refrain)

Another year of grace, my friends,
Has come and now is gone.
Another year of grace begins;
Forgiveness in God's Son.

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

4. Surely His mercy and His grace
Shall follow all life long,
And I will dwell within His house
To praise Him with this song:
All glory be to You, O Christ,
Who came to set me free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.

(Refrain)

4 Stanzas

Another Year of Grace, My Friends

(Refrain)

Another year of grace, my friends,
Has come and now is gone.
Another year of grace begins;
Forgiveness in God's Son.



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OPENING LITURGY



Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

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

C: Amen.



Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

P: With the entrance of another year, we are reminded of the past and we look forward to the future. As we look back on the past, what ought each of us confess about ourselves to God?

Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

C: As I look back in the past, O Lord, I'm reminded of all my failures to keep what You command. My past is filled with my mistakes, deficiencies, and weaknesses, especially in light of Your most holy Law. I also realize that there are sins I have done that I didn't even know I did. ...

Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

C: Before You, O God, I am entirely sinful and deserve Your wrath and eternal punishment. But just as a New Year is dawning, by faith I know that You are merciful and that my future is filled with hope. Through the life and merit of Christ, You have rescued me and brought me deliverance from sin and death.



Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

SING ♪:

**Our faithful God, we cry to Thee:
Still bless us with Thy favor,
Blot out all our iniquity,
And hide our sins forever.
Grant us a happy, good new year
And, when the hour of death
draws near,
A peaceful, blest departure.** (TLH 124:4)



Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

P:

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing.
Upon the cross Your Savior died,
For you He has been crucified.
In Him you are forgiven!



Opening Liturgy

With TLH 124: O Lord, Our Father

SING 🎵:

**Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks to Thee
In this new year we render;
Thy reign hath kept Thy people free,
Hath shown Thy mercies tender.
Thou hast redeemed us with
Thy blood,
Thou art our Joy, our only Good,
In life and death our Savior.** (TLH124, st.2)

New Year's Eve Collect

P: 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.

C: Amen.



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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:7-21



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PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 84: WS, p. 38

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE

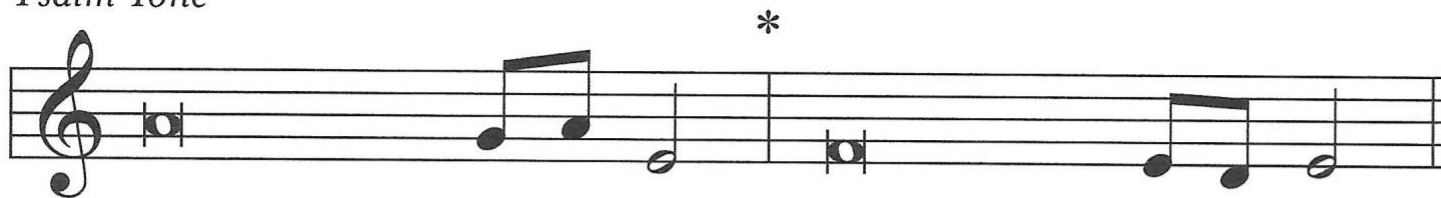
Antiphon



A single staff of music in treble clef with a common time signature. The melody consists of several measures with various note values (quarter, eighth, and dotted notes) and rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm Tone



How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, even faints

For the courts of the LORD;

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;*

Give ear, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield,*

And look upon the face of Your anointed.

Antiphon

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE

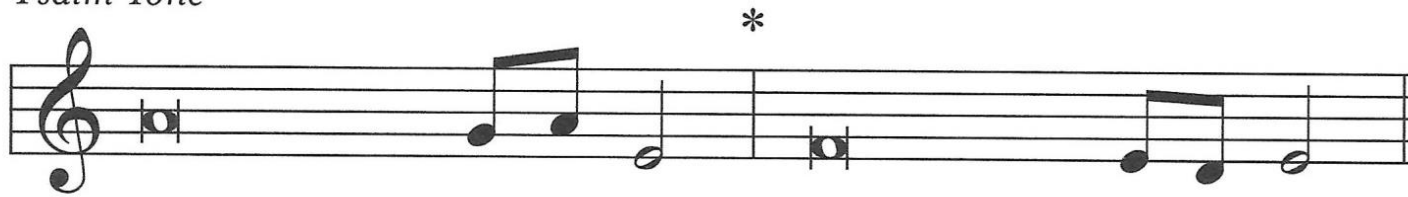
Antiphon



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens under 're - joic - ing' and 'house of the Lord'.

Psalm Tone



For a day in Your courts*

Is better than a thousand.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*

Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;*

The LORD will give grace and glory;

No good thing will He withhold*

From those who walk uprightly.

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.

Antiphon

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR TABERNACLE

Antiphon



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a dotted quarter note C5, an eighth note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a dotted quarter note F3, and a quarter note E3. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens under 're - joic' and 'ing' to indicate they span across two notes each. The piece ends with a double bar line.



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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:51-62



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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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**I believe in one God, the Father
Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, 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;

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life, Who
proceedeth from the Father and
the Son, Who with the Father
and the Son together is
worshipped and glorified, Who
spake by the Prophets. And I
believe only holy Christian and
Apostolic Church.**

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**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.**



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PRE-SERMON HYMN

**Another Year, O Lord
(Tune of TLH 380)**

Selected

3 Stanzas

Another Year, O Lord

**1. Another year, O Lord,
Is drawing to a close.
What is in store for us
No human being knows.
Yet You are ever near, O Lord;
We know this from Your holy
Word.**

3 Stanzas

Another Year, O Lord

**2. For all past blessings now
To You our hearts we raise.
We cannot name them all,
But plead: accept our praise,
Not just for health and daily bread,
But that our souls, dear Lord, were
fed.**

3 Stanzas

Another Year, O Lord

**3. We know that we shall sin,
But also know Your grace,
And penitently plead:
All that was wrong efface;
As You were with us in the past,
Be with us till we breathe our last.**



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SERMON

Psalm 25:1-10

**Forget the Past and
Look Ahead**



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POST-SERMON HYMN

**Another Year is Past and Gone
(Tune of TLH 375)**

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

1. Another year is past and gone,
And cannot be recaptured.
Its days are done, and we've advanced,
Still closer to our parting.
O Lord, forgive our sins, we pray
And keep us on the narrow way
As now arrives a New Year.

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

**2. In Christ, You've claimed us as your
own**

He is our Lord and Savior.

**Our confidence is firmly based
Upon Your Word most faithful.**

**Your promises are good and true,
And always firm and gracious
Most certainly we thank You.**

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

**3. Another year is now a gift,
A time of grace and favor.
May we fore'er in word and deed
Give praise and honor to Your name.
Help us to share Your Gospel Word
With those who still are dead in sin,
That they might know their Savior.**

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

4. We know not what this year will
bring,
What evil lurks, or good will come.
We know that all is in Your hands
And e'er what comes is for our good.
You'll never leave, nor let Your child
Go through the year without Your
hand.
For sure, You'll guide and keep us.

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

5. Help us, O Lord to follow You
O, keep us in Your care each day.
Keep us e'er faithful to Your Word,
That never from its truth we stray.
It is a lamp unto our feet
The light that leads us, without fail,
Upon the path to heaven.

6 Stanzas

Another Year is Past and Gone

6. If this year now will be our last
And all the years are gone and past,
Lord, keep us in Your loving arms
And bear us to our home in heaven.
There we shall see our Savior dear,
Our Lord, Who is forever near,
And we'll know peace forever.



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OFFERING

**Note: As offering is brought forward, sing TLH 127:1 & 3:
As With Gladness Men of Old**

Offering Response

TLH 127, st. 1 & 3: As With Gladness

SING ♪:

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee!

Offering Response

TLH 127, st. 1 & 3: As With Gladness

SING ♪:

**3. As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!**



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GENERAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Closing Prayer

Luther's Evening Prayer

**C: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.**

Benediction

P: Now receive the Lord's blessing:
Fear not, for the LORD is with you;
Be not dismayed, for the LORD is
your God. The LORD will
strengthen you, Yes, the LORD will
help you, The Lord will uphold you
with His righteous right hand.

C [♫]: Amen, Amen, Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN

TLH 555:

The Day Is Past and Over

TLH 555 (5 Stanzas)

The Day Is Past and Over

**1. The day is past and over;
All thanks, O Lord, to Thee!
I pray Thee now that sinless
The hours of dark may be.
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight
And save me through the coming
night.**

TLH 555 (5 Stanzas)

The Day Is Past and Over

**2. The joys of day are over;
I lift my heart to Thee
And ask Thee that offenseless
The hours of dark may be.
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight
And guard me through the coming
night.**

TLH 555 (5 Stanzas)

The Day Is Past and Over

**3. The toils of day are over:
I raise the hymn to Thee
And ask that free from peril
The hours of dark may be.
O Jesus, make their darkness light
And guard me through the coming
night.**

TLH 555 (5 Stanzas)

The Day Is Past and Over

**4. Lord, that in death I sleep not,
And lest my Foe should say
“I have prevailed against him,”
Lighten mine eyes, I pray.
O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight
And guard me through the coming
night.**

TLH 555 (5 Stanzas)

The Day Is Past and Over

**5. Be Thou my Soul's Preserver,
O God, for Thou dost know
How many are the perils
Through which I have to go.
Lover of men, oh, hear my call
And guard and save me from them
all.**

