



CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Order of Corporate Confession and Absolution that we use this evening is an extended version of the Confession and Absolution used in each of our Divine Services. On this Eve of the New Year, we especially recall the sins for which we have yet to be forgiven, and our unworthiness in the sight of God. Yet we know that God's grace abounds and is given to us freely when we approach Him in repentance.

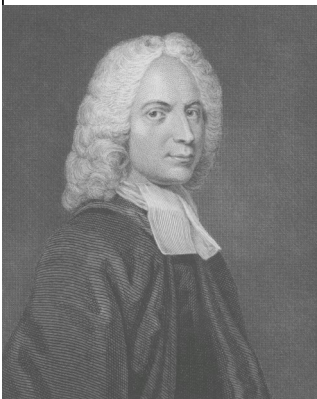
As Pastor Marks speaks the words of absolution, they are being spoken by God Himself through the pastor's mouth. Hear these words clearly and know that you are forgiven. Begin this New Year in the knowledge that, through Christ's atoning sacrifice, your sins are forgiven and your relationship with God is made right. Praise to the Lord of heaven who makes this possible.



A devotion for New Year's Eve by Martin Luther
"Let us hold fast our profession." **Hebrews 4:14**

And if I were to live another hundred years, and if I were given power by the grace of God to overcome all assaults, and assaulters, past, present, and future, I see very clearly that this would not establish peace for our descendants, for the devil is still alive and reigning. Therefore I crave for life no longer, and I pray that God may have mercy upon me in the hour of my death. And you, who come after us, pray too with great earnestness, preaching and teaching the Word of God with diligence. Keep God's little lantern alight. Take heed to the warning, be prepared, for you must expect at any moment that the devil may knock out a window-pane, or tear open roof and door, so that he can blow out the light.

Therefore be sober and vigilant; he does not sleep, nor take a holiday, and he will not die before the Judgment Day. You and I must die, but when we are dead he will remain what he always was, and he cannot stop his raging. May Christ, our Lord, who has bruised his head, come at long last and deliver us from his raging. Amen.



HYMN HISTORY

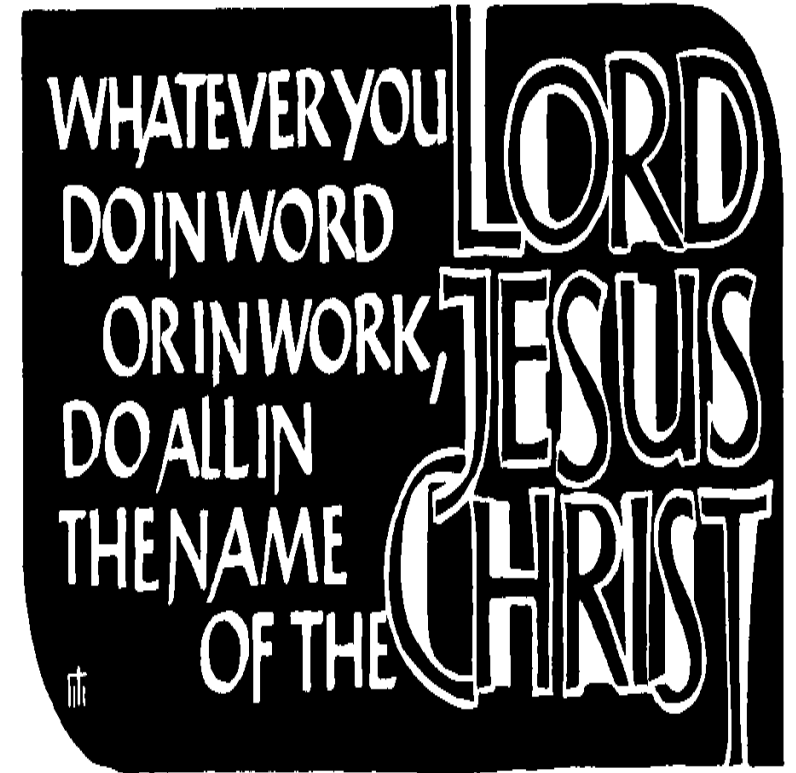
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" — LSB #733
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674 in Southampton, England, the first child of Isaac Watts, a clothier thrice imprisoned for "nonconformity" during Watts' early years. Watts entered the ministry, but from his early days he was hindered in his ministry by ill health that required frequent leaves of absence for recuperation. Although best remembered for his hymnody, Watts was a prolific and well-respected author in education, philosophy, and theology. In his public hymnody, Watts sought to create a unified congregational voice that joined orthodox teaching of the fundamentals of the faith with fervency in belief and evangelical experience. In content, he focused on that which was central to the faith.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past, a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-5, is an extended prayer written in collect form. In the first stanza, Watts amplifies the psalmist's description of God as "our dwelling place in all generations" (Psalm 90:1) with common biblical imagery. God has helped His people in ages past, most of all through the suffering and death of His Son on the cross. He is their "hope for years to come" when He returns to bring an end to sin, death and the power of the devil. He is their shelter in the troubles of this life and in the place where they will live forever.

Echoing the language of the psalm, the hymn contrasts God's eternity with the frailties of human life. The Lord is God forever, even before He created the world. To Him, "a thousand ages" are like an evening past. The last watch in the night is short because dawn brings an end to it. Because all of this is true, Watts calls on God to watch over us, to be our guard in this life, while troubles last, and our home when life comes to an end.

EVE OF THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS (NEW YEAR'S EVE)



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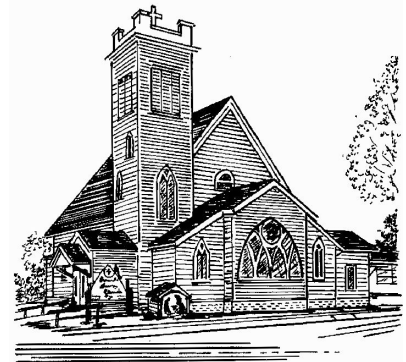
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God. **IF YOU ARE VISITING** this evening, we are happy that you could join us this evening. *Would you please sign our guest book in the narthex to leave a record of your visit?* **IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE**, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. **IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN** with you today we want you to know that they are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex. **IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE** with anything, please speak to the pastor or the usher. **RESTROOMS** are available in the back of the church or in the education wing. We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again. ***A Blessed New Year to you!***

MY NEW YEAR’S EVE PRAYER

Lord, make me to know my end and the measure of my days that I may know how frail I am. Another year of my pilgrimage has passed. I am a year nearer to my death, nearer to judgment, nearer to eternity to come. Where shall I flee as the sins of the past year and the transgressions of the years rise to condemn me? Lord, to You I flee for refuge in these last hours of the waning year. For the sake of Your own Son, whom You have sent to be the Savior of all men, be gracious to me, and pardon mine iniquity. Trusting in the merits of my Savior, I come boldly to Your throne of grace, in full confidence that there I shall obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Oh, satisfy me early with Your mercy that I may rejoice and be glad all my days. May the remaining years of my life be spent in Your service that, when my last hour shall come, I may depart in peace to enter into Your joy forevermore.

Amen



Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

(New Year’s Eve)

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Greeters — *Marks Family*

Elder/Usher — *Chris Neumann*; Altar Guild — *Chris Born*

Jr. Altar Guild — *Kari & Greta Marks*; Acolyte — *Tyler Neumann*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit *(spoken responsively after confession & absolution)* Psalm 98:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Collect *(spoken by the pastor)*

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.

Gradual *(spoken responsively)* Psalm 90:12,14

Teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

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*The offering will be collected in the narthex
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