

A NEW YEAR IS DAWNING

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them from my hand.” John 10:27-28

This comforting and compelling message from our Savior stirs both joy and confidence in the hearts of his children. It was for this very reason Jesus spoke these words. They were spoken so that all who believe in his redemptive work might cling to them by faith, and be assured in their hearts that, all believers, even today, are found in the protection of his unerring hand of love.

As we step forward by faith into this new year, let us reflect on how gracious and faithful our Lord has been in all of his promises over the many years. Oh, dear Lord, great is thy faithfulness. Morning by morning, new mercies I see. As we marvel and rejoice to behold how he leads his dear children along, we cannot help but be humbled by such loving care; perhaps even prompting the question in our own hearts; have we been faithful followers? His desire is that we would faithfully follow his leading, always mindful of his promises, ***“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Heb.13:5*** and again in our text, ***“And I give them eternal life;”*** These precious promises have been embraced in the hearts of the faithful for generations unto the salvation of their souls and is reaffirmed again to us today. In spite of our sinfulness and failures and the accusations of Satan, let us believe his encouraging and comforting words are directed to us today. He tells us so clearly, ***“I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” John 10:14***

Today, dear fellow traveler, trust him at his word and as faithful sheep, continue to follow him, casting aside fear and doubt. Consider again Christ’s words, ***“They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*** Remember the Heavenly Good Shepherd continues to go before his flock and carefully and lovingly watches over them.

As David of old said, ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.” Psalm 23:2*** The Lord’s sheep are dear to his heart, for he has purchased them with neither silver nor gold, but with his own holy and precious blood. ***“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1Peter 1:18-19***

As we begin this new year of God’s grace, remember to thank him for all his blessings of the past year and look forward to the new year with hope and expectation. Love one another. Keep faith and a good conscience and may, “The blood of Jesus speaking, from Zion’s mountain still, be heard dear friend repeating, the gospel of good will.” All who have washed their garments and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, believing solely in the merits of our Savior, will receive the victor’s crown of eternal life. Praises be to his holy name.

Ken Storm - pastor

Jan 4	Ken Storm	Holy Communion
Jan 11	Chad Kuivanen	
Jan 18	Ken Storm	Medical Care 2pm
Jan 25	Jesse Matson/Charles Korhonen	Potluck meal following service

**Telephone “call in line” - to be Discontinued
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Fall/Winter Schedule

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:45am
Sunday Service 11:00am.

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