



**Lord's Day Worship**

**February 02, 2025**

# -The Worship of God-

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand for the Call to Worship*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

*Psalm 103:1-2, 22*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### *Hymn of Praise: Across The Lands*

• 1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther From be - fore the world be - gan.  
• 2. Yet You left the gaze of an - gels, Came to seek and save the lost,  
• 3. With a shout You rose vic - to - rious, Wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the grave,

Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry plan - et Has been fash - ioned by Your hand.  
And ex - changed the joy of heav - en For the an - guish of a cross.  
And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en Lead - ing cap - tives in Your way.

All cre - a - tion holds to - geth - er By the pow - er of Your voice.  
With a prayer You fed the hun - gry; With a word You calmed the sea;  
Now You stand be - fore the Fa - ther, In - ter - ced - ing for Your own;

$\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $A\flat$   $\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $Fm^7$   $\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $B\flat$   
 Let the skies de-clare Your glo-ry; Let the land and seas re-joice!  
 Yet how si-lent-ly You suf-fered That the guilt-y may go free!  
 From each tribe and tongue and na-tion, You are lead-ing sin-ners home!

$\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7sus$   $B\flat^7$   $E\flat$   $\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7sus$   $B\flat^7$   
 You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion; You're the Lord of ev-'ry

$Cm$   $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7sus$   $B\flat^7$   $Cm^7$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$   $B\flat^7sus$   $E\flat$   
 man; And Your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Please Sit*

*From Psalm 32*

Pastor: O Lord, if we kept silent, and pretended to have no sin, Your hand would be heavy upon us, and our guilt would weigh us down. You would be just and right in draining all the vigor of life from our bodies.

**All: So, we acknowledge our sin to You, and we do not hide our iniquity. We confess our transgressions to You, Lord, and trust that You will forgive the iniquity of our sin.**

Pastor: We know that many sorrows await the wicked; But those who trust in You, shall be surrounded with mercy.

**All: So, we commit ourselves to You, and ask You not to count our sins against us. Show mercy to us, and forgive us, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Savior of sinners. Amen.**

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 103:8,10-12*

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## *Hymn of Praise: And Can It Be*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "And Can It Be". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. Chords are indicated above the notes in both systems.

**System 1:**

Chords: G, Am/C, D7, G, Am/C, D7

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

**System 2:**

Chords: G, D/A, A7, D, G/D, D, G

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

D C G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G D G

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

C A<sup>7</sup> D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D<sup>7</sup>

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 • quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How  
 found out me. A - maz - ing love! How  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

G G Am/C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou, my God,

# CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Please Sit*

*Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answers 88-91*

Question 88: What is the true repentance or conversion of man?

**Answer: It is the dying of the old nature  
and the coming to life of the new**

Question 89: What is the dying of the old nature?

**Answer: It is to grieve with heartfelt sorrow  
that we have offended God by our sin,  
and more and more to hate it  
and flee from it.**

Question 90: What is the coming to life of the new nature?

**Answer: It is a heartfelt joy  
in God through Christ,  
and a love and delight  
to live according to the will of God  
in all good works.**

Question 91: But what are good works?

**Answer: Only those which are done  
out of true faith,  
in accordance with the law of God,  
and to his glory,  
and not those based  
on our own opinion  
or on precepts of men.**

# Hymn of Praise: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re-  
The night is) dark, but I am not for-  
No fate I) dread, I know I am for-  
With ev - 'ry) breath I long to fol - low

deem - er. There is no more for heav - en now to give. He is my  
sak - en, for by my side the Sav - iour, he will stay. I lab - our  
giv - en, the fu - ture sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus  
Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by

joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less  
on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis-  
bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the  
day I know he will re - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the

peace. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
played. To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will  
grave. To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my  
throne. To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

# COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please Sit*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Scripture Reading*

*Psalm 78:5-8 & Acts 2:38-41*

*Psalm 78:5-8*

[5] He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, [6] that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, [7] so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; [8] and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

*Acts 2:38-41*

[38] And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” [40] And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” [41] So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Sermon*

*Exodus 13:1-16*

[1] The LORD said to Moses, [2] “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

[3] Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. [4] Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. [5] And when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month. [6] Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. [7] Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. [8] You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ [9] And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. [10] You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

[11] “When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, [12] you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. [13] Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. [14] And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. [15] For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ [16] It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.”

## THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper*

*Hymn of Praise: O Church, Arise*

1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; Hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to  
 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the  
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, Give

call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to

they are strong In the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; An arm - y  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, We know the out - come is se - cure, And Christ will  
 stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the grave, This vic - t'ry  
 old still line the way, Re - tell - ing triumphs of His grace, We hear their

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B $\flat$ <sup>7</sup>sus
B $\flat$ <sup>7</sup>
E $\flat$

bold whose bat - tle cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 have the prize for which He died - An in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
 march con - tin - ues till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
 calls and hun - ger for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

## BENEDICTION

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

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Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Ministry Schedule:** Starting in February, we will have predictable fellowship and ministry opportunities that will repeat every month on the same Sunday of the month until the Summer. Please avail yourselves of the opportunities to grow in love, grace, and service together.

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meal:** After service we will have a potluck fellowship meal at the church. Please bring a main dish and a side to share.
- **Second Sunday Coffee and Conversation** at the Pastor's House at 2pm. We will discuss a biblical, theological, historical, etc., topic together over coffee and dessert. If you have specific questions or topics you'd like to cover in this conversational setting, please reach out to Pastor Nick.
- **Third Sunday Hymn Sings:** Every third Sunday of the month at the church. We will have a fellowship meal starting at 5pm, followed by the hymn sing. Bring a main dish and a side to share for the fellowship meal.
- **Fourth Sunday** is TBD.
- **Fifth Sunday** is TBD

**Directory:** Pickup a new directory on the table in the entryway. One will also be emailed to the church soon.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship:** There is a sign up sheet in the entryway of the church for snacks to be served in between Sunday School and the Worship Service. Reimbursement from the church is available for those who would like to turn in their fellowship snack receipt. Please be mindful of sugar content, dyes, and other ingredients when selecting snacks to bring. Contact Kelley McGinnis (kilmcginnis@hotmail.com & 530-227-8521) with any questions.

**Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting begins at 9:15am each Lord's Day morning led by Jim Doyle. Please come and pray!

**Sunday School:** Sunday School starts at 9:45am. The adults are working through the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. This is an important way to examine key doctrines in the Bible, to join our brothers and sisters from ages past in practicing the historic reformed faith, and to learn how we can all work toward greater unity in the church. Please make it a priority to attend! The children's Sunday School is geared for the following approximate grades: nursery, grades 1-3, 5-6. and 7-12.

**Wednesday Evening Study:** Please join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm at the church. We are discussing the previous week's sermon and enjoying a time of fellowship.

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**Prayer 9:15AM**  
**Sunday School 9:45AM**  
**Sunday Worship 11:00AM**

“We exist to equip Christians to worship, to glorify God,  
and to make disciples in Southeastern Idaho and beyond.”