



Lord's Day Worship

February 23, 2025

-The Worship of God-

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Please Stand

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. His greatness is unsearchable.

People: We will extol you, our God and King. We will bless your name forever.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: We will bless the LORD everyday, and praise his name forever and ever.

From Psalm 145

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Hymn of Praise: O Worship The King

The musical score is written for a hymn in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system includes four numbered verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings like 'f' and '7'.

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Please Sit

From the First English Prayerbook, 1549

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us: we do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Song of Thanksgiving: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

F B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Dm C

• 1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, How vast be - yond all meas - ure,
• 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, My sin up - on His should - ers.
• 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

F B \flat $\frac{F}{C}$ C 7 F

That He should give His on - ly Son To make a wretch His treas - ure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice Call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death and res - ur - rec - tion.

F $\frac{Gm}{D}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F $\frac{Gm}{F}$ F Dm 7 C

How great the pain of sear - ing loss, The Fa - ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there Un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer;

As wounds which mar the cho - sen One Bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ran - som.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Please Sit

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 21, 23 & 26

Question 21: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

Answer: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man in two wholly distinct natures and one person, forever.

Question 23: What offices does Christ carry out as our redeemer?

Answer: Christ, as our redeemer, carries the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of humiliation and his state of exaltation.

Questions 26: How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

Answer: Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Hymn of Praise: In Christ Alone

N.C. $\frac{G}{A}$ D G A $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Em $\frac{G}{A}$

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

D $\frac{G}{A}$ D G A $\frac{D}{F\#}$

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

G Em $\frac{G}{A}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Bm⁷

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

A D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G² G Bm⁷ A $\frac{G}{A}$

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort -
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -

D	G	A	D F#	G	Em	G A	Song Ending D
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er, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
 turns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please Sit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remain Seated

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

[12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon

Exodus 15:1–21

[1] Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

[2] The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

[3] The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

[4] “Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

[5] The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

[6] Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

[7] In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

[8] At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

[9] The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

[10] You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

[11] “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

[12] You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

[13] “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

[14] The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

[15] Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

[16] Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

[17] You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

[18] The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

[19] For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. [20] Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. [21] And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Hymn of Response: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4. Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 thine own peace, which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

BENEDICTION

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the last two lines. Chords are indicated by letters above the treble staff.

System 1:

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D

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

System 2:

Chords: Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rescheduled Hymn Sing Tonight: We will have a fellowship meal starting at 5pm in the fellowship hall, followed by the hymn sing. Bring a main dish and a side to share for the fellowship meal.

Lord's Supper Next Week: To prepare your hearts for the Lord's Supper during worship next week, read and meditate on these questions from the Heidelberg Catechism.

Question 81: For whom is the Lord's supper instituted?

Answer. For those who are truly sorrowful [g] for their sins, and yet that these are forgiven them for the sake of Christ; and that their remaining infirmities [h] are covered by his passion and death; and who also earnestly [i] desire to have their faith more and more strengthened, and their lives more holy; but hypocrites, and such as turn not to God with sincere hearts, eat and [j] drink judgment to themselves.

Question 82: Are they also to be admitted to this supper, who, by confession and life, declare themselves unbelieving and ungodly?

Answer. No; for by this, the covenant of God would be profaned, and his wrath [k] kindled against the whole congregation; therefore it is the duty of the christian church, according to the appointment of [l] Christ and his apostles, to exclude such persons, by the keys of the kingdom of heaven, till they show amendment of life.

[g]: Mat. 5:3,6; Luke 7:37,38; Luke 15:18,19

[h]: Psa. 103:3

[i]: Psa. 116:12,13,14; 1Pet. 2:11,12

[j]: 1Cor. 10:20ff; 1Cor. 11:28ff; Tit. 1:16; Psa. 50:15,16

[k]: 1Cor. 10:21; 1Cor. 11:30,31; Isa. 1:11,13; Jer. 7:21; Psa. 50:16,22

[l]: Mat. 18:17,18

Sunday Ministry Schedule: Each Sunday, we have predictable fellowship and ministry opportunities that 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.

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**

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