

# Lord's Day Worship March 23, 2025

# -The Worship of God-

#### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Please Stand

Pastor: We love you, O LORD, our strength.

People: The LORD is our rock and our fortress and our deliverer, our God, our rock.

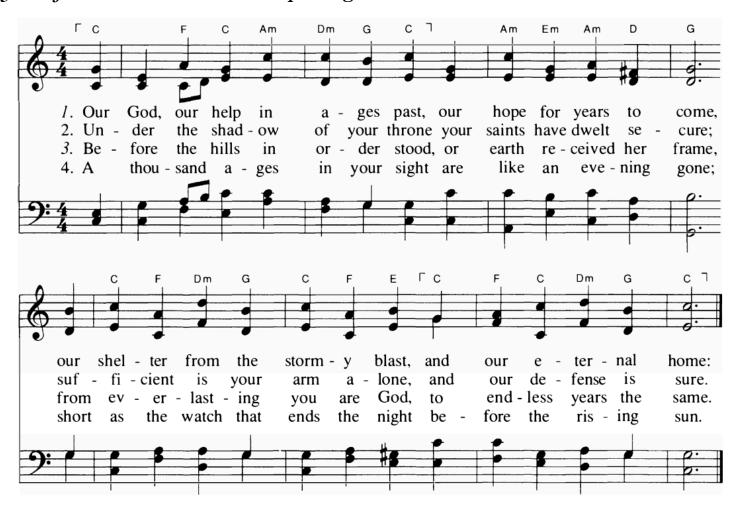
Pastor: In the LORD we take refuge. He is our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

All: The LORD lives, and blessed be our rock, and exalted be the God of our salvation.

From Psalm 18

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### Hymn of Praise: Our God, Our Help In Ages Past



- 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.
- 6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Please Sit From Daniel 9

All: 4 O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness. 8 To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, because we have sinned against you. 11 We all have transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice.

Silent Confession

Pastor: 17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servants and to our pleas for mercy.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103: 8-12

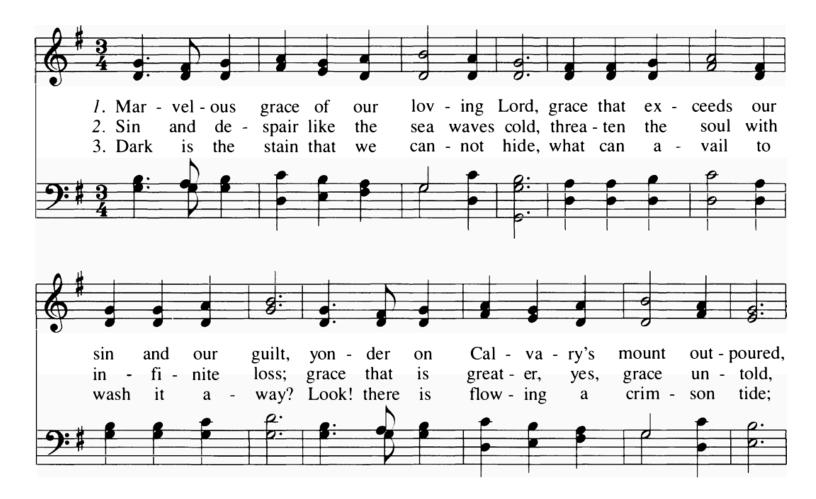
Pastor: 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

All: 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All: 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## Song of Thanksgiving: Marvelous Grace Of Our Loving Lord





#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Remain Standing Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1 & 2

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Question 2: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Answer: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Hymn of Praise: There Is A Fountain



#### **COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Please Sit

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remain Seated

#### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

[1] For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

[6] Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. [7] Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." [8] We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [9] We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, [10] nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. [11] Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. [12] Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. [13] No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

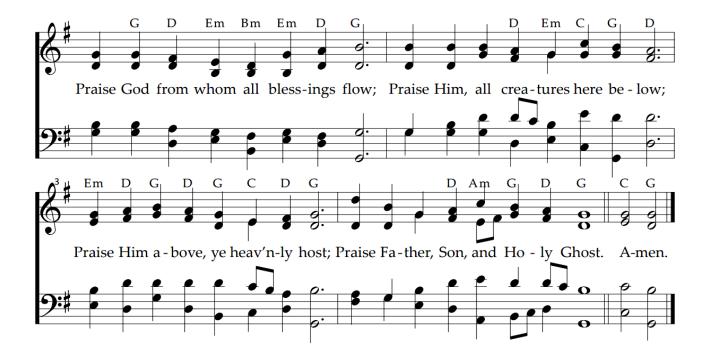
#### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Exodus 17:1-7

[1] All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2] Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" [3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" [4] So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." [5] And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. [6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"



# **BENEDICTION**



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trinity Classical Christian School Banquet: On Friday, April 11th at 5:30-8PM, TCCS is having their third annual donor banquet at the Millhouse in American Falls. AFCC supports the school financially and several families do, or will soon be, enrolling their children at Trinity. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring a table, or hosting a table, please reach out to Julie Bieda at TCCS (j.bieda@trinityclassicalchristianschool.com or 208-242-4545).

**Good Friday Service:** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of solemn worship to commemorate Christ's crucifixion on April 18 at 6PM.

**Compassion and Hope Pregnancy Center:** CHPC is doing a Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign starting at the end of April. This is a great way for us to support our local PC financially, in addition to the financial support we give them as a church through missions. They are asking for a person to be the representative for AFCC. If you are interested in being the representative, please speak with Kelley McGinnis.

Women's "Sowing Seeds" Fellowship Event: On Saturday, March 29th, 10:00 AM at the church, some women will be gathering to plant seeds to start their gardens for this year. Bring your gardening gloves, seeds, and wisdom! No matter what your gardening experience has been in the past, come and join in the fellowship and grow in grace together. The church will supply the soil and planting containers. Brunch will also be provided. Please sign-up using the sign up sheet in the foyer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Taylee Winder.

**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.

**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. Contact Jim Doyle for more information. 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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