

Lord's Day Worship April 6, 2025

-The Worship of God-

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Please Stand

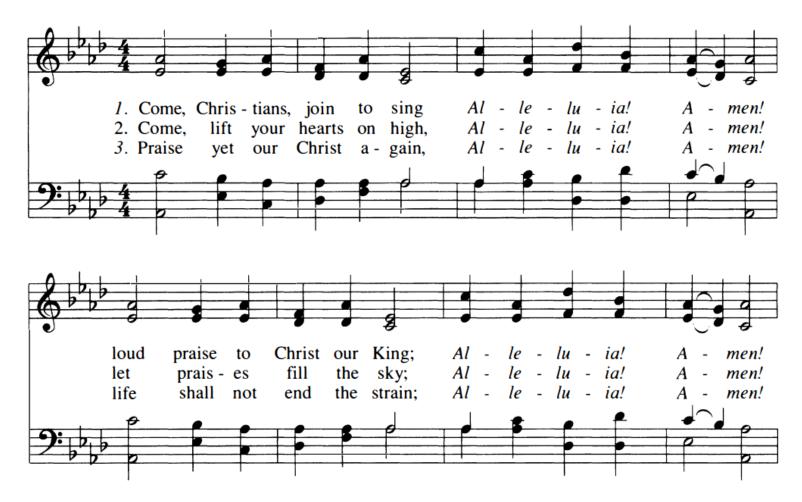
Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

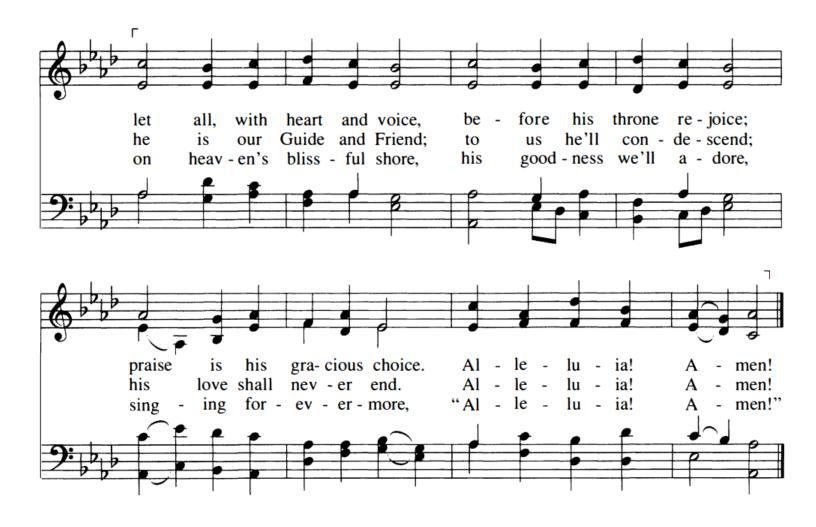
People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

Psalm 66:1-3

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Hymn of Praise: Come Christians Join To Sing





CONFESSION OF SIN *Please Sit*

Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lamentations 3:22–24

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Song of Thanksgiving: Great Is Thy Faithfulness



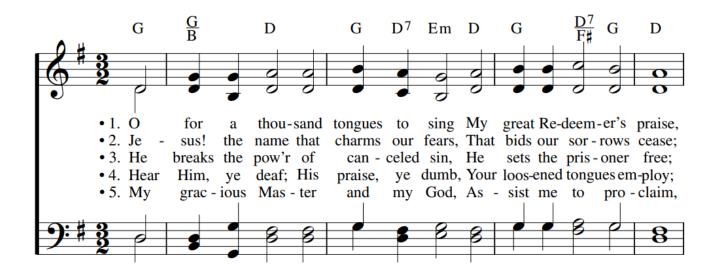


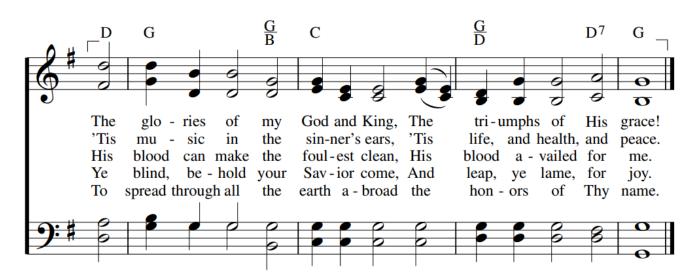
CONFESSION OF FAITH

Remain Standing The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: O For A Thousand Tongues





COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please Sit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remain Seated

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading Titus 1:4-9

[4] To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
[5] This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—[6] if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. [7] For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, [8] but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. [9] He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Exodus 18:1-27

[1] Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. [2] Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, [3] along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), [4] and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). [5] Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. [6] And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," [7] Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. [8] Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. [9] And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

[10] Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. [11] Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." [12] And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

[13] The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. [14] When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" [15] And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; [16] when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." [17] Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. [18] You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. [19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, [20] and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. [21] Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [22] And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. [23] If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

[24] So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. [25] Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [26] And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. [27] Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

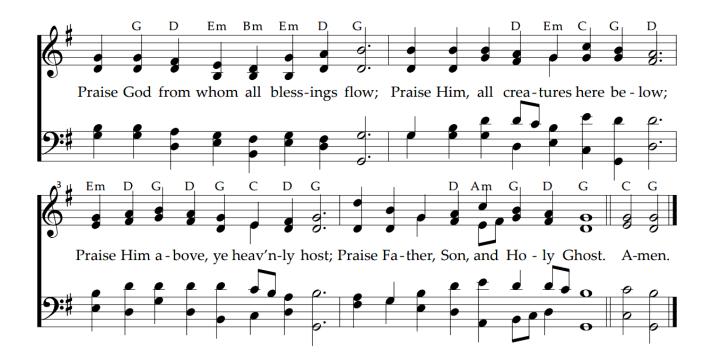
THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

The Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross



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.

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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