



**LOOK!
THE DAY
IS COMING
LIKE A
BLAST
FURNACE.**

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn: “Great God, What Do I See and Hear”
Christian Worship 208

God Places His Name on Us

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you!

The Confession of Sins

P: In complete humility, we acknowledge the horror of our disobedience. It has separated us from the Lord and placed us under his judgment. It is why we turn with longing hearts to hear God’s gracious invitation: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”
(Isaiah 1:18)



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear to dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things.
(Isaiah 59:2-3)



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead.

(Isaiah 59:9-10)

C: Our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

(Isaiah 59:12-13)

P: Because the LORD looks and is displeased, we cry out;



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

(Isaiah 12:1-3)



C: A — — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness you will say: “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

(Isaiah 12:4-6)

Song of Praise

“Blessed are They, Forever Blest”
Christian Worship 383 st. 1, 2 & 4

Blessed are they, forever blest,
Whose guilt is pardoned by their God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed
And covered with their Savior’s blood.

Blessed are they to whom the Lord
Imputes not their iniquity.
They plead no merit or reward
And not on works but grace rely.

How glorious is that righteousness
That hides and cancels all their sins,
While bright the evidence of grace
Through all their lives appears and shines.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, Judge of all people, you have done everything to prepare us to stand holy and acceptable on the “Last Day.” Give us the faith we need to take humbly rely on all you offer. Purify our hearts through your forgiveness. Strengthen us through your precious Word. Turn our complete attention to that final, blessed day when we will stand before you. It is only through you and your precious work that we can be prepared for the day of judgment and our rescue. Until we stand before you, draw us closer to you, and help us cling to you alone as the only source of rescue. After you have declared us not guilty, receive us into the place you have prepared for us. There we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word

"I will sing about your mercy and your justice!"

Old Testament

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹Look! The day is coming, burning like a blast furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble. The day that is coming will set them on fire, says the LORD of Armies, a day that will not leave behind a root or branch for them. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and there will be healing in its wings.

Response to the lesson

P: ¹LORD, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. ²Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity you are God.

Congregation sings

"Yours Forever, God of Love"

Christian Worship 426 st. 1 & 2

Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above;
Yours forever, may we be here and in eternity!

Yours forever, Oh, how blest! They who find in you their rest!"
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend, oh, defend us to the end.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. ²⁵And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, ²⁸so also Christ was of-

ferred only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Respond to the lesson

P: ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy, so that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. ¹⁶Let your deeds be seen by your servants and your majesty by their children. ¹⁷May the kindness of the Lord our God rest upon us. Establish the work of our hands for us. Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Congregation sings

“Yours Forever, God of Love”
Christian Worship 426 st. 3 & 5

Yours forever, Lord of life! Shield us through our earthly strife.
You, the life, the truth, the way, guide us to the realms of day.

Yours forever! You our guide, all our needs by you supplied,
All our sins by you forgiv’n; lead us, Lord, from earth to heav’n.

Gospel

John 5:19–24

¹⁹Jesus answered them directly, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. ²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes.

²²“In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life.

Hymn of the Day “O’er the Distant Mountain Breaking”
Christian Worship 220

“Fire Protection!”
For the day of judgment
For those who fear the Lord

(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

He suffered death and was buried.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

P: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

P: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow we have sinned against you and deserve only your just judgment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

P: Yet, we confess with joy that your unfailing love in Jesus has purchased our release.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

P: Around us we see the beginning of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy, and a lack of love.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

P: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as Judge and Savior.

C: Make us faithful in hearing and sharing your Word, and cause many to put their hope in you before the end comes.

P: Build the fellowship of love as we live together as brothers and sisters in the one true faith.

C: Help us support one another when distress, troubles, trials and temptations plague us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

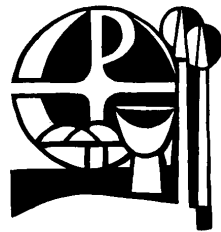
P: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us to guide us, your strength to renew us, and your presence to refresh us.

P: Hear us, as we also pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.**



The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



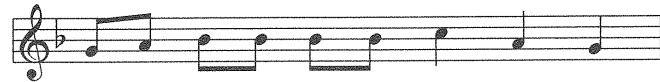
C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He has blessed us with his precious promises and his faithful word, giving us the confidence to live our lives to his glory. Through him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

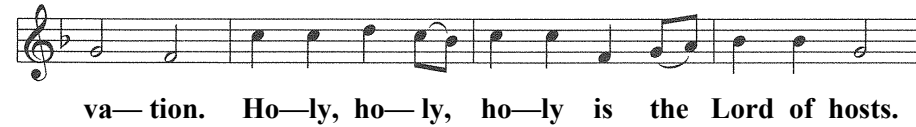
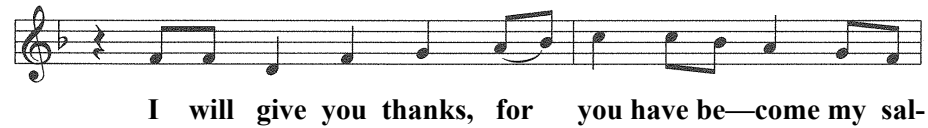
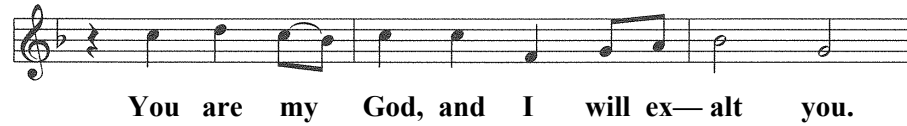
Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.



The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Blessing of Peace

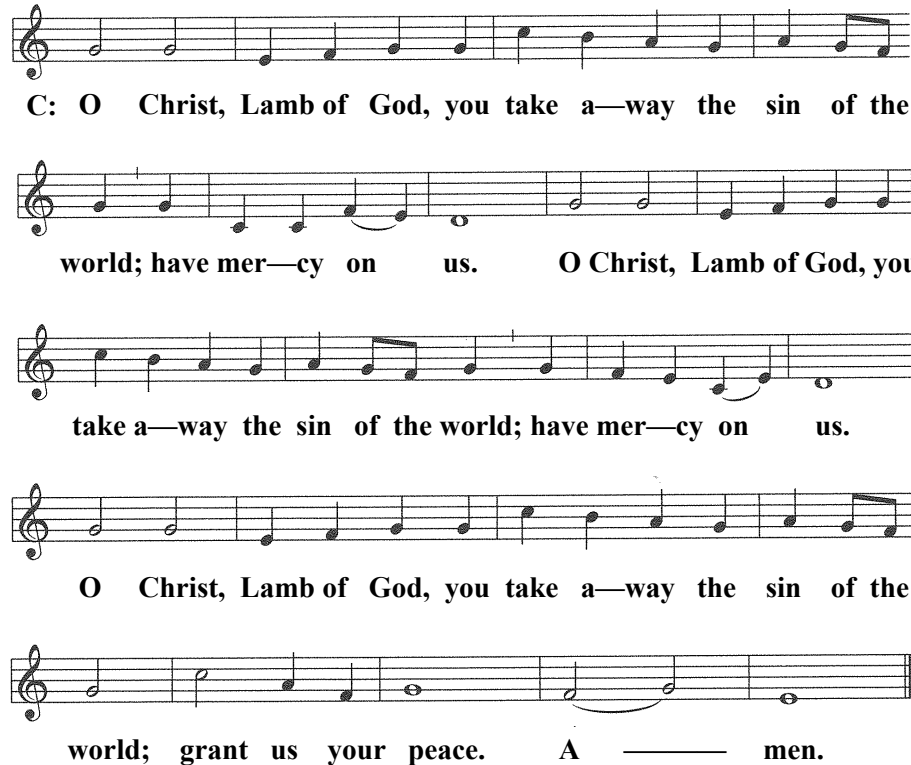
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A ——— men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

Please come forward at the direction of the pastor, allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. He will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After drinking, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east wall. The closing blessing will be given after all have received the Sacrament.

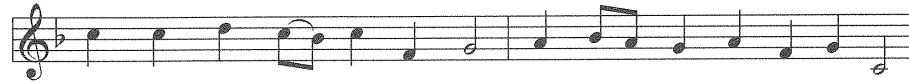
The Blessing

P: Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Lord, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. Whenever we come to you burdened with our guilt and humbled by our rebellion, you have forgiven our sins. Through your gracious Word, together with Jesus' body and blood, you have declared all our sins completely washed away. Make this good news the source of our peace and joy. When we daily struggle with sin, lead us to acknowledge that sinfulness and humbly confess it. Then reassure us all is completely washed away for Jesus' sake. Make every blessing he secured by his death and resurrection our highest good and the confidence of your unyielding love. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our strength, and our ever faithful and glorious King. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A — men. A ——— men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“Forever with the Lord”
Christian Worship 213

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!* May the undeserved love and forgiveness offered by our Savior strengthen you to live a faithful life until our Lord comes again in glory. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship and some refreshments.
- Christian Education will follow the service. The lesson will be based on the Epistle for the Day from the Book of Hebrews. Our joy and confidence on the great and dreadful day of the Lord is all that Jesus has done for us.

Monday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

- The Committees will meet at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study on the Book of James continues. The section on faith and works is further explained in the evidence the words of our mouth provide.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean: Brown

- Lawn beginning October 31st—J. Everson

Sunday, November 14th—Sunday Worship at 9:30 am. As we approach the end of the church year, our thoughts are turned to the “great reward” prepared in heaven for all who believe. The picture of the saints in glory gives us the encouragement we need to live our lives of faith with boldness and confidence.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will focus on Daniel’s prophecy of the Lord’s return and what will happen to all people.

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