



GOD WILL WIPE AWAY
EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES.

REVELATION 7:17, NRSV

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”

Christian Worship 147

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen!

Song of Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e—



ter — nal; it stands firm in the heav —



ens. Your faith — ful — ness con — tin — ues for -



ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious, Risen Savior, we live with the blessings you have secured for us. We have forgiveness. We have peace. We have the assurance of a God-pleasing life. To all of these you add the promise of victory over all our enemies. You have defeated the grave. You have overcome death. You have made powerless the threats and temptations of the devil. Keep this triumph before our eyes. Make it our motivation to remain faithful. Use it to assure us of our victory now, and the future victory we will attain in heaven. There we will proclaim our praise for you who has triumphed over all our enemies, and who lives and rules with the Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — — — men.

The Lessons from God's Word *"Lord, when will I see your Glory?"*

The Power of the Resurrection *Acts 13:15–16a, 26–39*

After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it."

¹⁶Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said —

²⁶"Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

³²"We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. ³³God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you.

³⁴"That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way:

I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.

³⁵"Therefore he also says in another place:

You will not let your Holy One see decay.

³⁶"For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. ³⁷But the One God raised did not see decay.

³⁸"So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be just—

fied through the law of Moses. ³⁹In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.”

Response to the Lesson “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”
Christian Worship 154 st. 2-3 & 5

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Epistle *Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God,
who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks
and honor and power and might belong to our God

forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?”

And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

¹⁴And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Verse of Praise

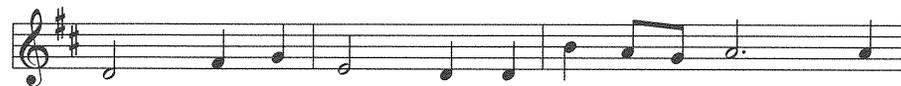
P: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore you,
Casting down their golden crowns before the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
Who was and is, and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky
and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Alleluia!



C: Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!

Gospel

John 10:22–30

²²Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon’s Colonnade.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵Jesus answered them, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father’s name testify about me.

²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my

Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Behold a Host Arrayed in White”

Christian Worship 550

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

Theme **“Triumph over Tribulation!”**
 Guaranteed by the Lamb
 Delivered to the faithful

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles’ Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayers for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

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.**

Hymn

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”
Christian Worship 167

Closing Prayer

P: Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong
And streets of shining gold?

Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I courts ascend?
Where evermore the angels sing,
The Sabbath has no end?

Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand,
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

O Christ, do thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see thee and adore

With all thy saints above.



C: A — men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christian Worship 149

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in the name of our ever faithful, protecting, and triumphant Savior.* May the undeserved love he has secured lead you to trust, follow, and serve him. If you are visiting this morning, please sign either the guest book. Come back and worship with us again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee, some snacks, and the gift of fellowship after the service.
- Bible Study will begin at 11:00 am, and will review the Gospel lesson—the promise Jesus makes as the Good Shepherd.

Monday—Pastor Proeber will travel to Lancaster for a meeting with the congregation.

Wednesday—Bible Study at 7:00 pm. We will bring to a conclusion the class on the “call.” Ideas for a new class are always welcome.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean—Pettus

- Mowing beginning May 15th—G. Grunewald

Sunday, May 15th—Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. Some of the most familiar words penned by the apostle Paul are some of the most difficult to put into practice. Even though it sounds so simple, love is challenging, especially the self-sacrificing love our Savior commends and commands.

- Education will follow the service and will review the lesson the Lord taught Peter regarding what he thought was clean and unclean, acceptable and unacceptable.

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Future Events

- The next fellowship / outreach gathering will be the Ice Cream Social. It is June 10th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. There will a time for fellowship, for games, and for ice cream.
- On July 4th there will a get-together beginning around 4:00 pm. We will watch the DVD— “Death of a Nation.” After that there will be a barbeque dinner. Fireworks at Girsch Park are still pending.



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