

**AM I A GOD WHO IS ONLY
NEARBY, DECLARES THE
LORD, AND NOT A GOD
WHO IS FAR AWAY?**

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn:

“On Eagles’ Wings”
Christian Worship 440

The Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

Absolution

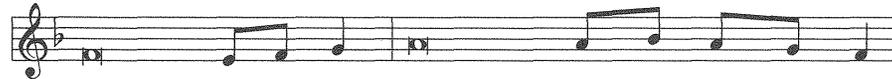
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A — men!

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



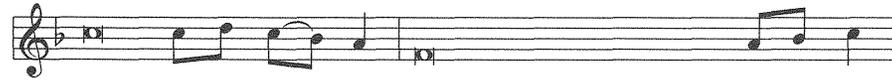
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,



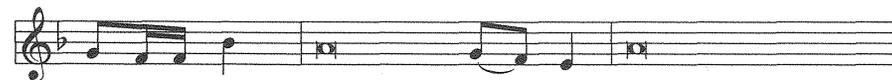
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al- mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



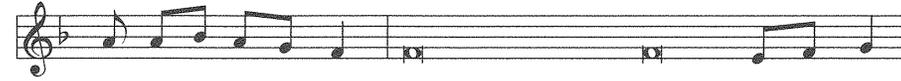
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious God and Lord, you have always guided and strengthened your people through your faithful promises. We give thanks because you are always with us, and always faithful to us. Keep us in your Word. Keep us growing in its gracious truths. Keep us from ever questioning your goodness and mercy. Support us throughout the time we have on this earth, so we can live good and God-pleasing lives. Guide us through every challenge, every temptation, and every time of doubt, so we arrive safely in your heavenly kingdom. There we will praise you, Father, Son, and Spirit, throughout endless ages.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word "I AM with your Always!"

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,
and not a God far away?

²⁴Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

²⁵I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" ²⁶How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. ²⁷They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

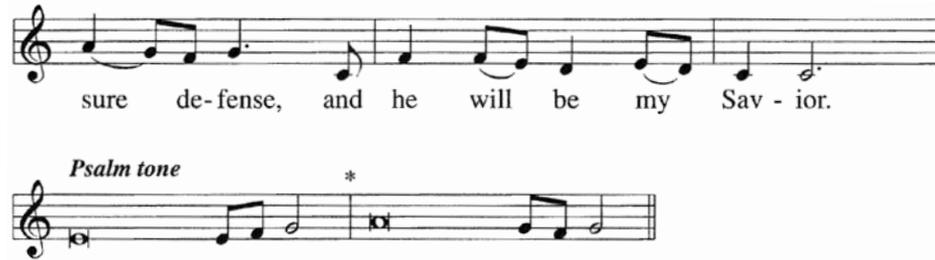
What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 31

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my



In you, O LORD, I have taken | refuge; *
 deliver me in your | righteousness.

Be my rock of | refuge; *
 a strong fortress to | save me.

Into your hands I commit my | spirit; *
 redeem me, O LORD, the | God of truth.

Refrain

My times are | in your hands, *
 save me in your un- | failing love.

How great is your | goodness; *
 which you have stored up for those who | fear you.

You heard my cry for | mercy; *
 when I called to | you for help.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
 and to the Holy | Spirit,
 as it was in the be- | ginning, *
 is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle

Hebrews 12:1-13

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is

laid out for us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. ⁵Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?

My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly,
and do not become weary of his correction.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves,
and he corrects every son he accepts.

⁷Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live? ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees,
¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

Verse of the Day

P: But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel —

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,

and the flame will not set you on fire. Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.



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

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the twelfth chapter of Luke, reading from the forty-ninth verse.



C: Glo- ry be to you, O Lord!

“I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

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

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



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho—ly Spir — it



from me. Re-store un—to me the joy of your sal—va —



tion, and up—hold me with your free Spir-it. A—men.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

*“Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good;
His Steadfast Love Endures Forever!”*

Prayers for the Lord’s Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord’s Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

**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

“Be Still, My Soul”
Christian Worship 415

Closing Prayer

P: O gracious Lord—Father, Son and Spirit—when you revealed yourself you proclaimed you were eternally faithful and ever present. As you were with your people in the past, continue to be with us every day. Never let a moment go by without your reassurance you are close. Never allow the devil the opportunity to deceive with his lies that you are not completely concerned about us. Never let us lose sight of all you promise to do because of your undeserved love for us. Receive our praise and thanks. Continue to watch over us. Lead us safely to your heavenly kingdom where will with live with you in your glorious presence for all eternity.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God’s Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Christian Worship 402

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in name of our loving and faithful God.* It is because of his never-failing promise that we can live every day with the confidence he is always near to hear our prayers and help us in every time of need.

- If you are visiting us today, it is good to have you here. Please sign the guest book by the front door. Come back and worship again, soon!
- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy some refreshments and a cup of coffee.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. We will turn our attention to the Epistle lesson and the “great cloud of witness” with which the Lord surrounds us, and by which we can live a life to his glory.
- Following the worship service Pastor Proeber will travel to Arizona. You may contact one of the elders or Pastor Foley in case of an emergency. You may also contact Pastor via his cell phone.

Thursday—Pastor will return in the evening.

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

Saturday—Church Cleaning—G. Grunewald

- Mowing beginning August 21st—Todd

Sunday, August 21st—In Person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. Every day we have questions. Some receive answers, while others may go unanswered. From Luke’s Gospel, Jesus is questioned about how many people will actually be saved. His answer turns the focus away from how many will be saved to making sure we are saved.

- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. The Epistle lesson emphasizes the role mountains had in our rescue and our confidence of eternal life. Can you name the three?

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