



**THIS IS  
THE CONFIDENCE  
WE HAVE  
BEFORE HIM —**

**WE BELIEVE IN  
THE NAME OF THE  
SON OF GOD.**

## The Order of Worship

### **Pre-Service Music**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Litany**

P: I will thank the LORD with all my heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the LORD. They are studied by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic is his work, and his righteousness stands forever. He has set up a memorial to his wonders. Gracious and compassionate is the LORD, our God.

#### ***Congregation sings***

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Christian Worship 234 st. 1 & 2*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
    joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
    sent by his gracious ordaining?

P: I will thank the LORD with all my heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The works of his hands are truth and justice. All his precepts are trustworthy, steadfast forever and ever, done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption for his people. He commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

#### ***Congregation sings***

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Christian Worship 234 st. 3 & 4*

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously made you,

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly  
falling has stayed you.  
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work  
and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
as with his love he befriends you.

*(The congregation will rise)*

P: I will thank the LORD with all my heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. All who do his precepts have good understanding. His praise stands forever.

***Congregation sings***

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
*Christian Worship 234 st. 5*

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with  
praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

### **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.



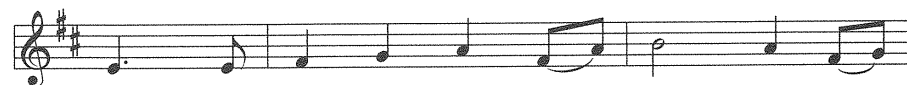
**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are**



**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 Lord, author and perfecter of our faith, you have blessed us with every gift we need to put our complete confidence in you. You have reconciled us through the forgiveness of sins. You have set us apart to be faithful servants. You have even blessed us with Word and Sacrament to strengthen our faith. Because of your unfailing commitment to our rescue, we are now confident of eternal life through the precious work of Jesus. We also have every confidence you will hear and answer our prayers for our good. Continue to keep us faithful, confident, and growing until we receive the very gift you have promised—eternal life. In your heavenly kingdom we will praise you—Father, Son, and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — — — men.

### The Lessons from God's Word

*"So we say with confidence—the LORD is my helper, and I will not be afraid."*

#### Old Testament

*Genesis 32:22–30*

<sup>22</sup>He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his

possessions across. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. <sup>26</sup>The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

<sup>29</sup>Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup>Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life has been spared."

### Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 121*

#### *Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

#### *Psalm tone*



I lift up my eyes | to the hills; \*  
where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD; \*  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip; \*  
he who watches over you will not | slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over | Israel, \*  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*



The LORD watches | over you, \*  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm; \*  
he will watch o- | ver your life.

The LORD will watch over your coming and | going; \*  
both now and for- | evermore.

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**

*1 John 5:13–15*

<sup>13</sup>I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence that we have before him: that if we ask

anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we receive the things we have asked from him.

### Verse of the Day

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I ask from the LORD. This is what I seek: that I live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, and to seek him in his temple.

LORD, teach me your way, and lead me in a straight path. Unless I was confident to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living — (*I would have lost all hope*).

Wait for the LORD. Be strong and take heart, and wait for the LORD!

### 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!



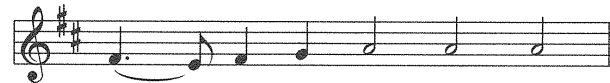
## Gospel

*Luke 18:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: <sup>2</sup>“There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. <sup>3</sup>There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ <sup>4</sup>For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.’”

<sup>6</sup>The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

P: This is the Word of our God. Sanctify us by your truth, your Word is Truth.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## Hymn of the Day

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”  
*Christian Worship 382*

## Sermon

*1 John 1:13-15*

## Theme

“Unshakable Confidence!”

For eternal life  
For heartfelt prayer

## 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

**Prayer 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**

“I Know My Faith is Founded”  
*Christian Worship 403*

**Closing Prayer**

P: O gracious Lord—our Refuge, our Strength, and our ever-present Help in trouble—we rejoice because you have committed yourself to us and our care. You have given us the hope of eternal life through the precious work of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. You have also given us the assurance you will hear and answer our prayers for our blessing. Keep us in your care. Build us up in the one true faith. Give us the unshakable confidence to trust, serve, and follow you until you bring us to your heavenly kingdom. There, safe and secure, we will praise you throughout all eternity as our only God and Lord—Father, Son, and Spirit.



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

“Praise to You and Adoration”  
*Christian Worship 470*

## Silent Prayer

### Announcements

**Today**—*Welcome in the name of our ever faithful and ever gracious Savior.* May the undeserved love he has shown give us the confidence we need to trust him for everything. If you are visiting this morning, please sign either a guest card or the guest book. Come back and worship with us again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- There will be no Christian Education this morning because of the Congregational Meeting. After you get a cup of coffee, please return to the sanctuary. The meeting will start at 11:00 am.
- After the worship service Pastor Proeber will travel to Tucson, Arizona, for the Arizona-California Pastor’s Conference. He will return Thursday late afternoon. If you need to contact him, please call the parsonage, or use his cell phone number.

**Monday**—There will be no Handbell Choir practice this evening.

**Wednesday**—There will be no Christian Education this Wednesday. The class on Confidently Sharing One’s Faith will continue next week.

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

**Saturday**—Clean: J. Schueler

- Lawn beginning October 16th—G. Grunewald

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**—**In person and live-streamed Sunday Worship at 9:30 am.** As Moses prepared the people of Israel to take possession of the land God promised to give them, he gave this exhortation. It is one we also need to hear daily—“Cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature!”

- During the service we will also have the opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper. You may register to receive the Sacrament after today’s service.

- Christian Education will follow the service. We will turn our attention to the words of the apostle John in his epistle to the church at large—do not love the things of this world.

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