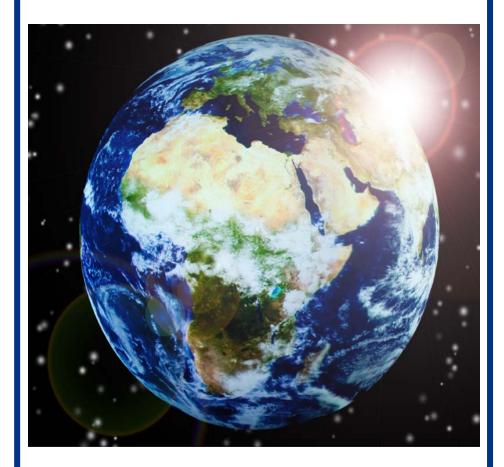
"I AM the First and I AM the Last."



"Except for ME, there is no god.
For who is like ME?" 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

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" Christian Worship 241

The Invocation

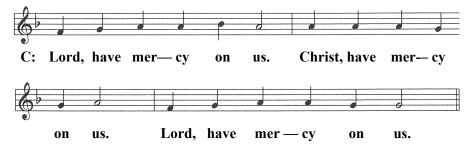
P: In the name of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



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.



Absolution

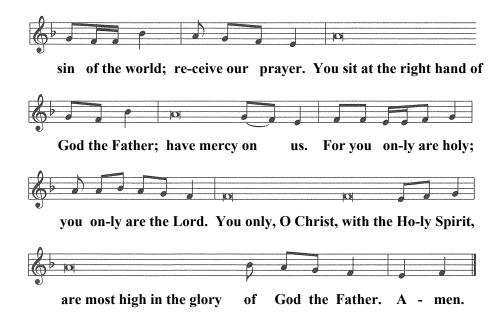
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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.





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



The Blessing of God's Presence

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

The Blessing of Prayer

P: Almighty and most merciful God, you are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You stand alone because of your great power, wisdom, and compassion. We rejoice because you have revealed yourself to us, and have brought us to trust you. Continue to work in us, as you continue to work out everything for our good. Bless us. Sustain us. Protect us from every enemy. At the end of this earthly life, bring us safely to the place you have prepared for us. In heaven, we will praise you as the God of all goodness, mercy, and faithfulness, and our God—who lives and rules as Father, Son, and Spirit throughout endless ages.



The Lessons from God's Word "Great is the Lord, and Most Worthy of Praise!"

Old Testament

Isaiah 44:6–11

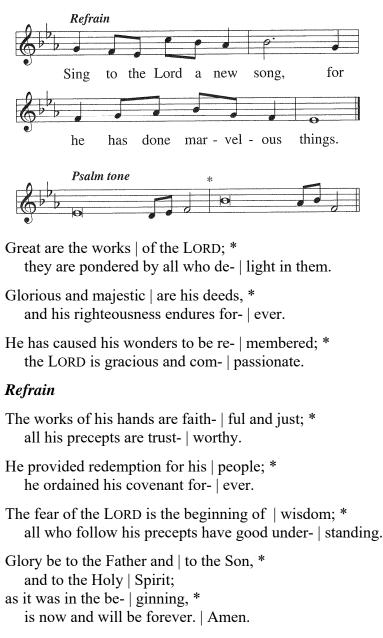
⁶This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says. I am the first, and I am the last. Except for me, there is no god. ⁷For who is like me? Let him declare it. Let him recite in order for me the things that took place since the time I established an ancient people. Or let them declare what is yet to come, and what is going to take place. ⁸Do not tremble, and do not be frightened. Did I not announce this to you, and declare it already long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any god except me? There is no other Rock. I am not aware of any other. ⁹All those who form an idol are good for nothing. All the things which delight them provide no benefit. As for their witnesses-they do not see. They know nothing, so they will be ashamed.

¹⁰Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit? ¹¹Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 111

A Psalm of Praise to the Lord for His Great Works of Love



Refrain

Epistle

Romans 1:18–25

¹⁸Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. ¹⁹This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident among them. ²⁰In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, ²¹because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened.

²²Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things. ²⁴So, as they followed the sinful desires of their hearts, God handed them over to the impurity of degrading their own bodies among themselves. ²⁵Such people have traded the truth about God for the lie, worshipping and serving the creation rather than the Creator, who is worthy of praise forever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

P: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. You shall have no other gods beside me. You shall not make any carved image for yourselves or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God an a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

Response by congregation

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Christian Worship 195 st. 4 Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty!All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea,Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Gospel

P: The Gospel is recorded in the thirteen chapter of Matthew, reading from the twenty-fourth verse.



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

²⁴He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' ²⁹'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."""

³⁶Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are

gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Word of our God!



The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen.

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. Through him all things were made. 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. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; 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.

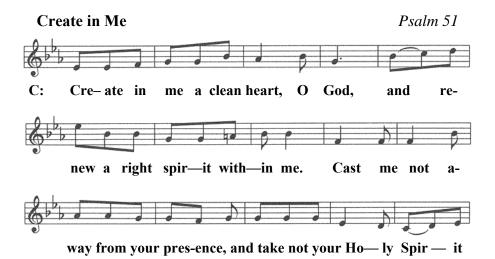
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Hymn of the Day	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
	Christian Worship 240

Sermon

Isaiah 44:6-11

"Except for Me, There is No God!" Other gods are worthless idols I, alone, am the First and the Last





Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer: (spoken with the 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 of Preparation

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" Christian Worship 316 st. 1-2

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee my heartfelt thanks forever be, Who has so lovingly bestowed on me thy body and thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say, What wealth has come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

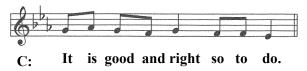
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

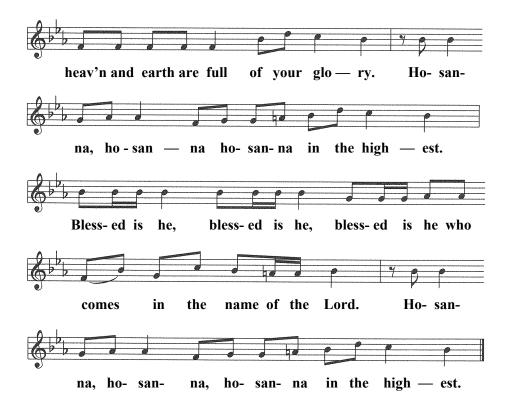


- C: We lift them up un to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. By faith we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.





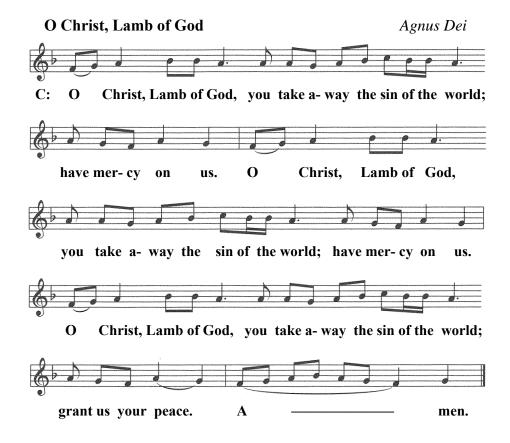
Words of Institution

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."

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



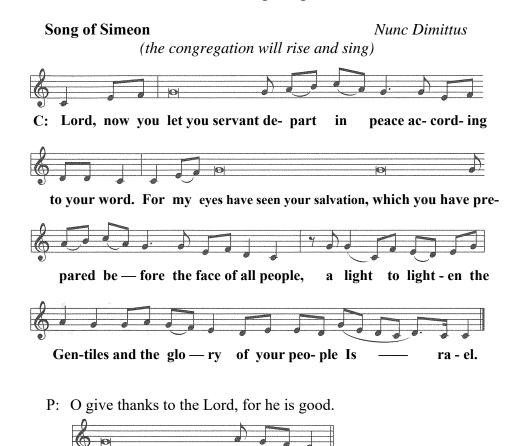


The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before, or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Closing Prayer

P: O God our Father, you are the source of all that is good. In your loving kindness you sent Jesus to become the faithful Savior of all. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us, but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit to serve you willingly, faithfully, and joyfully day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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 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

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies" Christian Worship 250

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in name of our gracious God!* How blessed we are to be called the people of God. How blessed we are that the King of kings and Lord of lords has shown us undeserved love and compassion. This is our reason to praise him, give thanks to him, and serve him in love.

- If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!
- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship.
- Following the worship service today, Pastor Proeber will drive to Phoenix. He will be there through August 3rd. If there is an emergency, you may call Pastor Mike Foley of Star of

Bethlehem (714.474.7023). You may also call Pastor Doug Found (805.490.0146). You may also call one of the Elders—Greg Grunewald or Josh Schueler. Pastor Proeber can be reached via his cell phone.

Saturday—Clean: Proeber

• Mowing starting the week of July 23rd—Everson

Sunday, July 30th—Sunday Worship and Live-stream at 9:30 am. What we hold on to, and what we treasure in our hearts is important. Paul repeats what Jesus taught when he says, "do not put your hope in the uncertainty of riches." Our hope should always be in the Lord and in the rich supply of blessing he provides.

• Snack and Christian Education will follow the service.

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