

**“Why are You
Here, Elijah?”**

The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music Welcome

Opening Hymn:

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”
Christian Worship 584

The Invocation

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

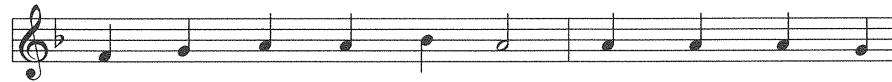


C: A — men!

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

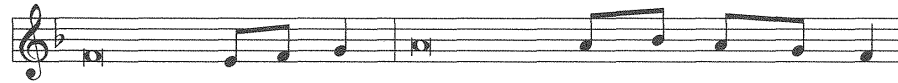
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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.



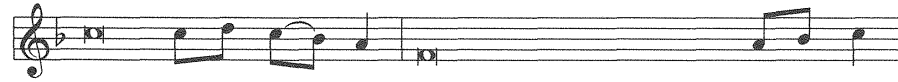
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



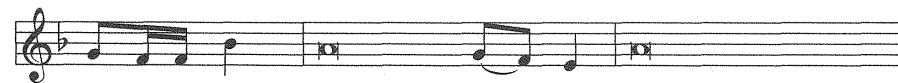
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



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



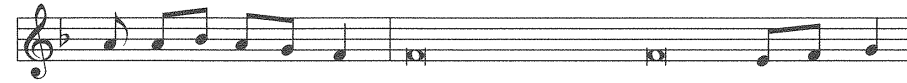
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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 Lord and heavenly Father, you stand ready to hear our prayers and answer them whenever we seek you. Make us diligent in our prayer-life as we come to your throne with every care and concern—great or small. Lead us into your Word to receive the encouragement we daily need. Send us your Holy Spirit to increase our trust in you. We know you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful, keep us in your care as you guide us through this life to eternal life in heaven. There, in that special place of blessing you have prepared for us as well as all believers, we will praise you throughout endless ages—together with your Son and the Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word
"Seek the Lord and the Comfort of his Word!"

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹He came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

¹¹Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹²After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

¹⁴He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from

Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 73

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
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

I am always with | you, O LORD; *
 you hold me by my | right hand.

You guide me with your | counsel, *
 and afterward you will take me into | glory.

Whom have I in heav- | en but you? *
 and earth has nothing I desire be- | sides you.

My flesh and my | heart may fail, *
 but God is the strength of my heart and
 my portion for- | ever.

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



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Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Verse of the Day

P: Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

Alleluia!



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

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, reading from verse twenty-two.



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

²²Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the

**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.**

Hymn of the Day “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
Christian Worship 444

Sermon *1 Kings 19:9-13*

**Where Do We Find the Lord —
In displays of awe and wonder?
In the quiet of prayer and the Word?**

“Create in Me” *Psalm 51*



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-



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.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Day

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

“How Firm a Foundation”
Christian Worship 416

Closing Psalm and Prayer

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul. All that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits — who pardons all your guilt, who heals all your

diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your life with goodness.

P: O gracious Lord, you give us every reason to bless you and praise your holy name. Continue to carry out your blessed work in our life, drawing us ever closer to you. Keep us in your care until we join the hosts of heaven in praising you our Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit—throughout 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

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”
Christian Worship 439

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Lord and Savior!*
May God—Father, Son, and Spirit—always direct us to the Word

and prayer in order to seek him, and be confident in all he does for us. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon.

- Following the worship service there will be time for some snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service. We will conclude last Sunday's lesson which overlaps with the Epistle lesson today—God's great, undeserved love through which he blesses us.

Tuesday—There is one correction from the August calendar. The outreach meeting scheduled for the 15th is actually the 22nd. Please take note of the change. The meeting remains at 7:00 pm.

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

Saturday—Church Cleaning—J. Schroeder

- Mowing beginning August 20th—Pettus

Sunday, August 20th—In Person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. In an incredible act of mercy which was accomplished through the all atoning work of Jesus, we have been brought near to God. In reality, the relationship is even closer than we could ever imagine. By being reconciled we are members of God's household, and we are built into one, holy Church.

- Christian Education will follow the service. God wants all people to be saved. This is nothing new, and it was his will revealed already through the prophet Isaiah. It is that will which brings joy and delight to us.

Thank You!

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