

BROUGHT NEAR  
by the  
BLOOD OF CHRIST.



Ephesians 2:13, NRSV

# The Order of Worship

## Pre-Service Music and Welcome

### Opening Hymn

“To Your Temple I Draw Near”

*Christian Worship 226*

### Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; the love of God the Father; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit—be with you always.

C: Amen.

### 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.

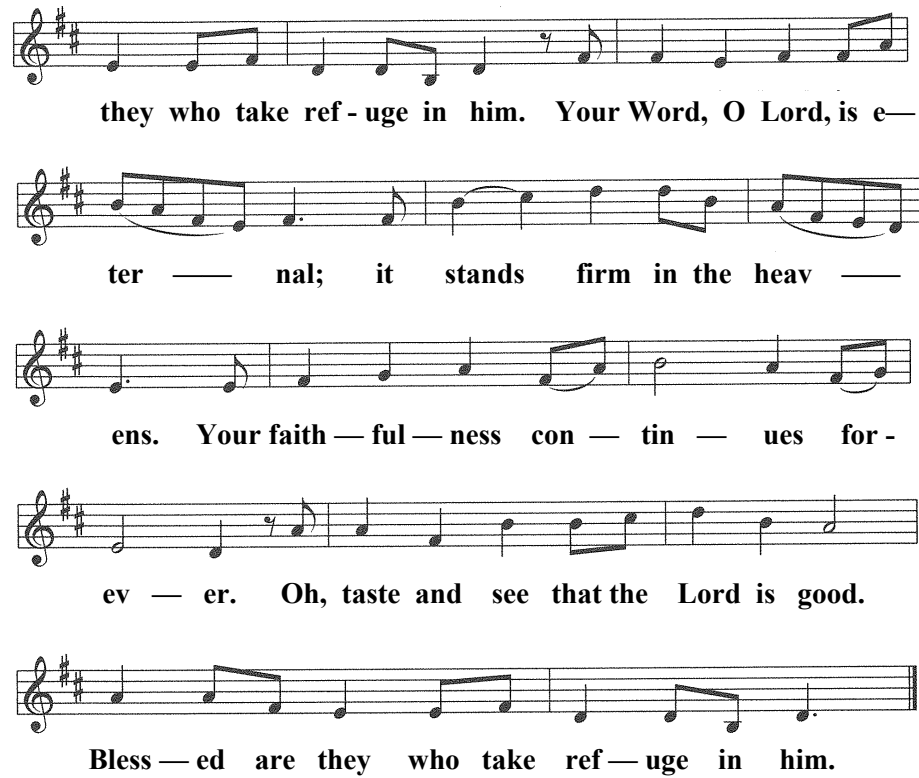
C: Amen!

### 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, you have loved us from all eternity. Even though we had separated ourselves from you because of our rebellion, you showed us mercy. Through Jesus you have forgiven us. Through Jesus you have brought us back to you. Through Jesus you have made us heirs of your kingdom. Continue to keep us in your love, and guide us safely through this life until we reach the place you have prepared for us. In your heavenly kingdom we will praise you—Father, Son, and Spirit—as the God of every grace and the God of our rescue.



C: A — — — men.

## The Lessons from God's Word

*"God Sent His Son into the World to Save the World"*

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

<sup>1</sup>This is what the LORD says. Protect justice, and carry out righteousness, because my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed. <sup>6</sup>Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD and to become his servants, every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world. <sup>8</sup>This is the declaration of God the LORD, who gathers Israel's dispersed people:

"I will gather still more people to my house besides  
the ones already gathered."

### *Congregation responds*

"Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations"

*Christian Worship 577 st. 1 & 4*

Rise, O Light of Gentile nations,  
Jesus bright and Morning Star;  
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings,  
Ring out loudly near and far,  
Bringing freedom to the captives,  
Peace and comfort to the slave,  
That the heathen, free from bondage,  
May proclaim your pow'r to save.

Savior, shine in all your glory  
On the nations near and far;  
From the highways and the byways  
Call them forth, O Morning Star.  
Guide them whom your grace has chosen

Out of Satan's dreadful thrall  
To the mansions of your Father —  
There is room for sinners all.

### **Epistle**

*Ephesians 2:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### **Children's Message**

*"Built to be God's Dwelling Place"*

### **Verse of the Day**

P: May God be gracious to us and bless. May his face shine upon us, so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O Lord. May the people's praise you—all of them. May the countries be glad and sing for joy, because you rule the peoples with fairness, and guide the countries of the earth.

God, our God, will bless us and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### 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

*Matthew 15:21–28*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!”

<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

<sup>26</sup>He answered her, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to their little dogs.”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Hymn of the Day**

“Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus”

*Christian Worship 351*

**Sermon**

*Ephesians 2:13-18*

**“Once Far Away, But Now, Brought Near!”**

Because of the blood of Jesus

Because of the mercy of the Father

**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.**

Prayer, Praise, and Give Thanks!

**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**

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”  
*Christian Worship 395*

**Closing Prayer**

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, you have given us your promise that nothing will ever separate us from you, or from the love of your Father. While we know this is true, we continue to have doubts. We also recognize our sins cause us to be separated from you. It is because of our struggle we need you to daily remind us



of your great love, and all you did for us in that love. Make it our comfort and reassurance when doubt or disobedience would make us question your compassion. As you keep us in your grace, so keep us on the narrow way to life in heaven. It is to this path you have brought us, and it is on this path you promise to keep us through the Means of Grace. Be with us. Bless us, and give us every reason to praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—who brought us near to you and made us yours for now and all eternity.



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**

“Drawn to the Cross”  
*Christian Worship 387*

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Today**—In the name of our blessed God—Father, Son, and Spirit! We can only marvel at the undeserved love the Lord has shown us. When we deserved nothing from him, he gave us everything. When we should have been separated from him, he brought us to himself. When we should have received justice,

he gave us heaven. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship after the service.
- Bible Class will start around 11:00 am. This morning we will consider Isaiah's prophecy which was God's promise to rescue all people and gather them to himself.

**Tuesday**—Outreach & Fellowship Planning meeting at 7:00 pm. All are invited to come. We will finalize plans for the “End of Summer Festival.”

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

**Saturday**—Clean—C. Schueler

- Mowing beginning August 20th—E. Pettus

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>—Outdoor Sunday Worship at 10:30 am.**

During this service we will focus on the psalms. These were the songs of Christians as they approached the Lord with their guilt, their challenges, their disappointments, and especially with their thanks.

- Following the service there will be a barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs. Please check the sign up sheets to see where you can help, and what you can bring. Most important, invite someone you know to this service!

### Thank You

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