

# The Order of Worship

#### **Pre-Service Music and Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** 

"Every Morning Mercies New" Christian Worship 580

#### 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: 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.

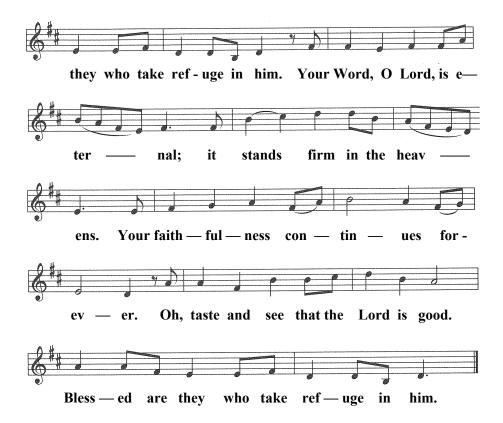
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. C: Amen!

## **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



#### **Prayer for the Day**

P: Heavenly Father, our good and gracious God, you have prepared a banquet, and you have invited us to come. By means of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to receive this invitation by faith. Through the precious work of Jesus, remove our spotted and sin-stained garments and clothe us with his robe of righteousness. It is your desire that all come and attend. Remove any excuse or distraction which would keep us from being part of this celebration. Then, preserve us by your undeserved love until we join you in heaven. There we will sit at your heavenly banquet table, ever praising you together with your Son and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



The Lessons from God's Word "By Grace a Banquet is Prepared! By Grace We can Attend the Banquet!"

# **Old Testament**

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain

the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.

# <sup>7</sup>On this mountain

he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>On that day it will be said,

"Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"





My soul find rest in | God alone; \* my salvation | comes from him.

Psalm tone \* -0 He alone is my rock and my sal- | vation; \* he is my fortress, I will never be | shaken, Find rest, O my soul, in | God alone; \* my hope | comes from him. Refrain the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress. The might-y Lord is with us; Though your rich- | es increase; \* do not set your | heart on them. My salvation and my honor de- | pend on God; \* he is my mighty rock, my | refuge. Trust in him at all times, O | people; \* pour out your hearts to him, for God is our | refuge. 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

# Romans 1:16–17

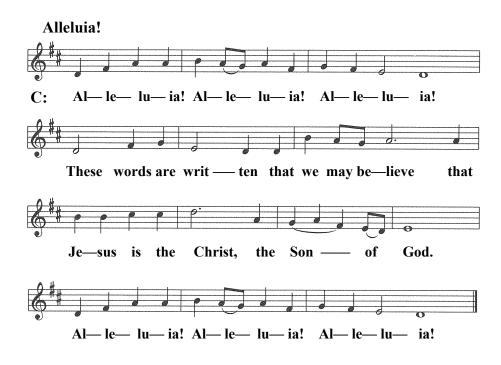
<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

# Verse of the Day

P: And I heard what seemed to be the roar of a large crowd or the roar of many waters or the sound of loud rumblings of thunder, saying:

Alleluia! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory, because the wedding of the Lamb has come. His bride has made herself ready, and she was given bright, clean, fine linen to wear.

The angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb." He also said to me, "these are the true words of God."



**Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14 <sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. <sup>4</sup>"Then he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!'

<sup>5</sup>"But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

<sup>8</sup>"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

#### Children's Message

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"You're Invited!"
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P: This is the Word of our God, and our invitation to feast at wedding banquet of the Lamb.





Sermon

# **"What Makes Us Worthy?"** We are invited by a gracious God We are clothed with Jesus' righteousness

# **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

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

"Salvation Unto Us has Come" Christian Worship 390

#### **Closing Prayer**

Christian Worship 463 st. 1. 3-5

- P: Jesus calls us o'er the tumult Of our life's wild restless sea; Day by day his voice invites us, Saying, "Christian, follow me!"
- C: Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christ, love me more."
- P: In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,"Christian, love me more than these."
- C: Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, help us hear your call; Give our hearts to your obedience, Serve and love you best of all!

P: O gracious Lord, your invitation is precious, and it comes to us because of your undeserved love. Give us ears that hear and

cherish it. Give us hearts that receive and treasure it. Give us faith that sees your invitation as the only source of lasting joy and never-ending peace. We know the devil will always tempt us, and the world will constantly distract us. Keep us free from these, and every enemy, so we can attend your heavenly banquet and be welcomed wearing the robe of Jesus' righteousness. Hear us and bless us to the glory of your gracious name.



## **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.



**Closing Hymn** 

"Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ" Christian Worship 401

# Silent Prayer

Announcements

**Today**—In the name of our blessed God—Father, Son, and Spirit—welcome! All we can do is rejoice when we hear God invites sinners to receive heaven. Then, all we can do is praise God because he makes it possible for us to enter heaven.

• If you are visiting this morning, please sign a guest card or the guest book, and visit us again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship after the service.
- There will be no Bible Class following the worship service due to the Congregational Meeting. Please get a cup of coffee and return to the sanctuary around 11:00 am when the meeting will begin.

Monday—Handbell choir practice begins at 7:00 pm.

**Monday– Thursday**—Pastor Proeber will be in Citrus Heights for the Arizona-California Pastors Conference. If you need to contact him, please use his cell number.

**Wednesday**—There will be no Bible Class this evening, however, we will resume October  $25^{\text{th}}$  with a new DVD on Martin Luther—"Luther vs. Rome."

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

Saturday—Clean—Grunewald

- Mowing beginning October 17th—J. Schroeder
- Fall Festival from 4:00—6:00 pm. Set up will begin around 2:30 pm, so come and lend a hand. Also, don't forget to invite a friend to come and enjoy the late afternoon festivities.

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>—Sunday Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. In spite of commands which could have threatened their walk with the Lord, Daniel and his companions did not turn away from the Lord's will and Word. In the end they were richly blessed for their faithfulness. Their actions are a reminder to us that God has all authority, that he is worthy of praise, and that we need to honor him above all things.

- The Lord's Supper will be offered in this service. You may register to receive the Sacrament today.
- Bible Class will follow the service and will address the tension we experience with our dual citizenship. We are members of an earthly kingdom, and we are members of the Kingdom of God.



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