

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	"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
	Christian Worship 236

The Invocation

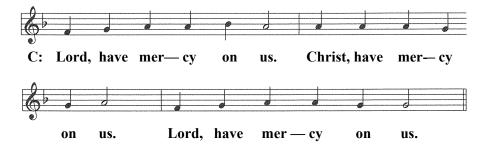
P: In the name of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



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

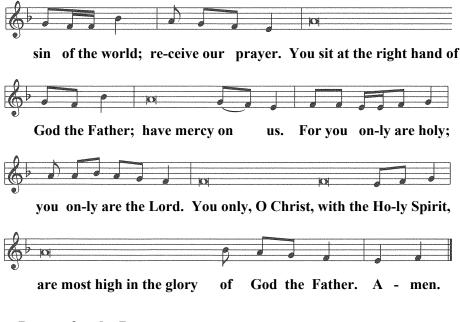
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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.



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



Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

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C: And al—so with you.

P: Lord of heaven and earth, the one true God who has rule over all things, in awe and humility we marvel at you control. Not one thing ever escapes your watchful and caring eye. Remind us daily of your power and wisdom. Daily strengthen our faith to rely on your control. Daily lead us to put our complete confidence in your ability to help and save. As we live under you and your guiding care, keep us safe from the devil's deceptions and the world's distractions. Keep us safe until we arrive in your presence. There you will welcome us and care for us throughout all eternity. There we will love and praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—our gracious, true, and triune God.



The Lessons from God's Word "Great is the Lord Who Deserves Our Praise!

Old Testament

Daniel 1:3–21

³The king told Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring some young Israelite men from the royal family or from the nobility. ⁴He was to choose young men who had no blemish, who were good looking, who had insight into all kinds of wisdom, who possessed knowledge, understanding, and learning, and who were capable of serving in the king's palace, in order to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. ⁵The king assigned them daily rations from the special royal food and from the king's own wine. He ordered that they should be trained for three years. At the end of training they were to serve the king. ⁶In this group of young men were the Judeans Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷The chief of the officials gave them new names. He gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar, Hananiah the name Shadrak, Mishael the name Meshak, and Azariah the name Abednego.

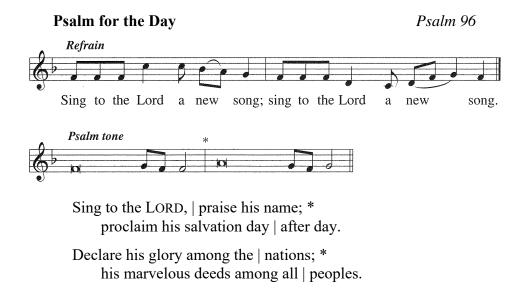
⁸Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the special food of the king or with the wine that he drank. So he sought permission from the chief official, so that he would not have to defile himself. ⁹God made the chief of the officials favorable and sympathetic toward Daniel. ¹⁰Then the chief of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink. Why should he see your faces looking less healthy than those of the other young men who are your age? You put my life at risk before the king."

¹¹Daniel said to the superintendent whom the chief of the officials had placed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days. Tell them to give us only vegetables, and we will eat them and drink water. ¹³Observe our

appearance and the appearance of the young men who eat the special royal food. Then deal with your servants based on what you see." ¹⁴So he listened to what they said about this and tested them for ten days.

¹⁵At the end of ten days, their appearance was noticeably better than that of the others. They were healthier than any of the young men who had been eating the special royal food. ¹⁶So the superintendent permanently took away the special royal food and the wine they were to drink and gave them only vegetables. ¹⁷As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and insight into all kinds of literature, as well as wisdom. In addition, Daniel also understood every kind of vision and dream.

¹⁸At the end of the time which the king had set for them to be brought to him, the chief of the officials brought them before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king spoke with them, and none of the others were found to be comparable to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they served the king. ²⁰In every matter concerning wisdom and understanding that the king sought from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and spell casters in his entire kingdom. ²¹So Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.





Worship the LORD in the splendor of his | holiness, * tremble before him, | all the earth.

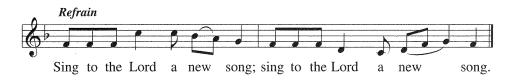
Refrain

Let the heavens rejoice, let the | earth be glad; * let the sea resound, and all that | is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, and every- | thing in them; * then all the trees of the forest will | sing for joy.

For he comes to judge the world in | righteousness; * and the people | in his truth.

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.



Epistle

Romans 13:1–7

¹Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. ²Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, ⁴because he is God's ser-

vant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

⁶For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. ⁷Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.

Verse of the Day

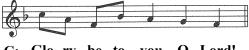
P: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul; and do not forget all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with love and compassion. The LORD is gracious and compassionate.





Gospel

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



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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone's approval because you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax."

They brought him a denarius.

²⁰He asked them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

²¹"Caesar's," they replied to him.

Then he said to them, "Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. Then they left him and went away.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

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.

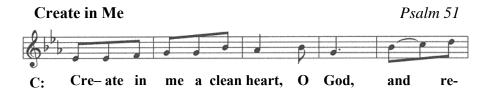
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

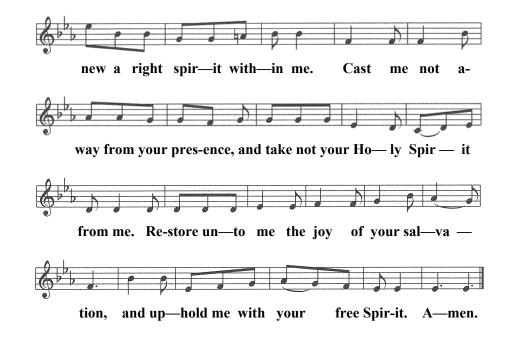
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Sermon

Daniel 1:8-14

"God has All Authority" We need to honor and trust him We need to respect those he uses





Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Prayers and Exhortations

Prayer by those receiving the Lord's Supper

C: Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not turn me away. This bread I eat is your body, which bore my sins upon the cross. This wine I drink is your shed blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I humbly come. Receive me, my Savior, forgive my sins, and restore the joy of your salvation—that I may serve you in joy and faithfulness. Amen.

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

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" Christian Worship 313 st. 1, 6 & 7

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever; By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.

> Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.

Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



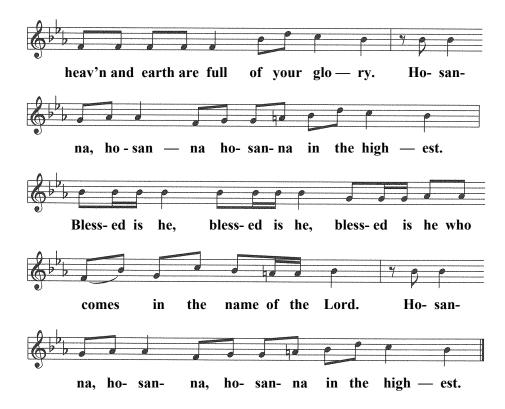
- C: We lift them up un to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

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 Savior, and we especially praise you for the gift of your undeserved love, your incomparable power, and your unyielding faithfulness through which you care for us and work all things for our good. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.





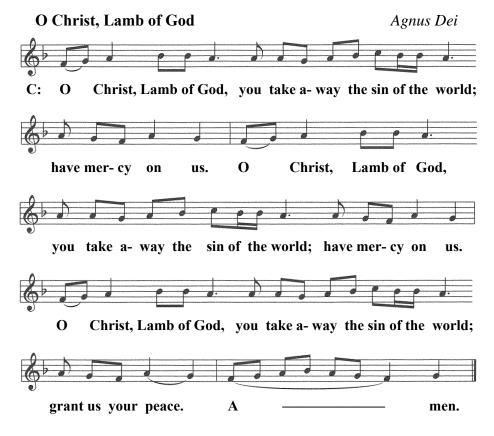
Words of Institution

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.



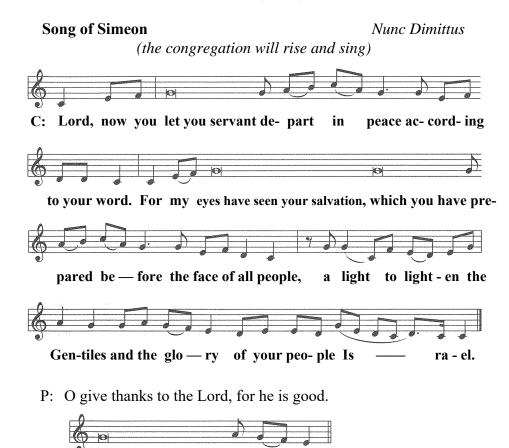


(The congregation may be seated)

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which 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, your are the source of all that is good. In your loving kindness you sent Jesus to become the faithful servant 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 willingly, faithfully, and joyfully live to your glory 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

"Let All Things Now Living" Christian Worship 260

Silent Prayer Announcements

Today—*Welcome in the name of our good and gracious God!* How blessed we are to be able to put our complete confidence in him to care for our every need, and to control all things for our blessing. 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 a few snacks along with the gift of fellowship.
- Bible Class will follow the service and will consider Jesus' words, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Monday—Handbell practice will begin at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Class is at 7:00 pm. We will begin a new class based on the DVD, "Luther vs. Rome." It is a recent release and provides some different perspectives. We will have about 4-5 classes on Luther and the gifts the Lord restored through this most extraordinary servant.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm Saturday—Clean: Hanna

• Mowing starting the week of October 29th—F. Florez

Sunday, October 29th—In-person Worship and Livestreaming at 9:30 am. We rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for the work of Martin Luther. Through his dedication and sacrifice, the pure Word was restored along with the confession we hold dear—By Grace Alone; By Scripture Alone; By Faith Alone; and by Christ Alone.

• There will be no Bible Class in order to allow for extra travel time to the Reformation Service in North Hollywood. The service begins at 4:00 pm with a fellowship meal following.

Thank You

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