

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music and Welcome

We Gather in the Name of the Triune God

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

C: **Amen.**

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: **For they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers;

C: **For I meditate on your statutes.**

P: I have more understanding than the elders;

C: **For I obey your precepts.**

P: I have kept my feet from every evil path;

C: **So that I might obey your word.**

P: I have not departed from your laws,

C: **For you yourself have taught me.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste;

C: **Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness;

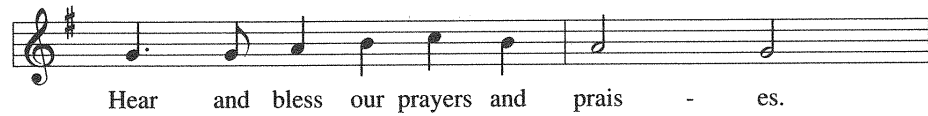
C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before you, O Lord, and humbly seek your 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.

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's

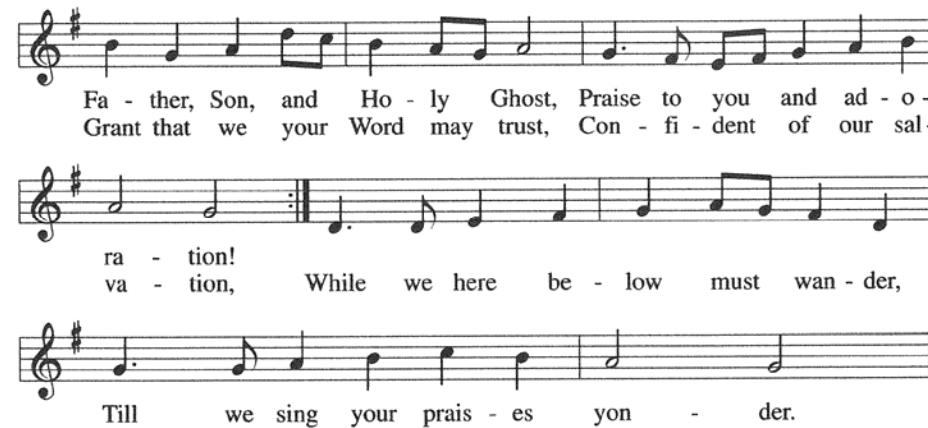
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your rescue and life in heaven. 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: Amen.



Prayer for the Day

P: O dearest Jesus, Lord of the heavenly hosts and Lord of your Church on earth, we ask you to guide, guard, and bless us. Keep us in your holy Word, so we can be alert to the dangers in this evil world. Keep us in your protection, so the devil does not lead us into temptation and sin. Keep us by your love, so we can be loving in return. We know what is prepared for us by your mercy. Let us see and become part of that great reunion in hea-

en, where we will gather with all the saints around your throne and praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—the only true, gracious and glorious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word

"We stand Blessed in the presence of the Lord!"

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne,
and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanks and honor and power and might
belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

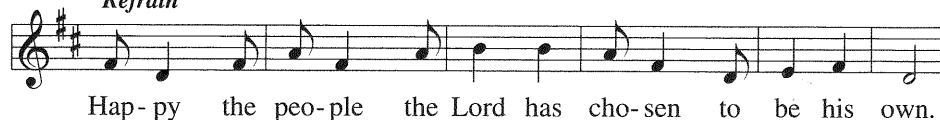
He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 34

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the | LORD is good; *
blessed are they who take re- | fuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the | righteous, *
and his ears are attentive | to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those
who | fear him. *
and he de- | livers them.

Refrain


The righteous cry out, and the LORD | hears them; *
he delivers them from all their | troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken- | hearted, *
and saves those who are crushed in | spirit.

The LORD redeems his | servants; *
no one who takes refuge in him will | be condemned.

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



Hap- py the peo- ple the Lord has cho- sen to be his own.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

¹See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

Children’s Message —

“See the Way God Loves Us!”

Verse of the Day

2 Peter 1:8-11

P: Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness; love.

Therefore, dearly loved, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Response to the Word

“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 5:1–12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you

and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”
Christian Worship 550

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

“Behold a Host Arrayed in White!”

Who are these people?
Where did they come from?
Why are they with the Lord?

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.**

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Church

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

“Jerusalem the Golden”
Christian Worship 214

Closing Prayer

P: O Lord, Ruler of eternity and King of unsurpassed power and glory, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join their glorious song to praise your majesty.

P: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life, and eternal glory for the life to come. What undeserved love you have shown us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

P: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Renew our faith when we are weak, and restore us when we wander.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

P: All your saints will live triumphantly in the new heavens and the new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. Daily we anticipate that time of great glory and joy.

C: Be with us as we serve you in love, and by our words and actions lead us to bear witness to your Son Jesus Christ, that many more people can join us before your throne.

P: Give us strength until our Savior returns so we can live in the eternal glory of you our Triune God—Father, Son and Spirit.



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

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”
Christian Worship 555

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - *Welcome in our Savior’s name!* May the rich blessing of our gracious God and his Gospel lead us to a life of faithfulness and joyful service as we anticipate the joys of heaven. If you are visiting this morning, please sign a “visitor card” or the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!

- Everyone is invited to enjoy some refreshments following the worship service.
- Christian Education will follow the worship service. We will consider John’s words regarding the love God has given us—to be his children and heirs of life in heaven.
- **Pre-Thanksgiving pot-luck and fellowship begins at 5:30 pm.** Everyone is invited, and please check the sign-up sheet on the table outside. Thanks!

Monday—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—There will be no Bible Class this evening as we prepare for our Thanksgiving worship.

Thursday—**Thanksgiving Day Worship at 9:30 am.** We will take time to give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose undeserved love is forever.

Friday—Office hours: 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Cleaning: L. Schroeder

- Lawn Beginning November 26th—G. Grunewald

Sunday, November 26th—**Worship at 9:30 am.** On the last Sunday of the Church Year we proclaim a special, and precious truth—Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is also our only Savior and faithful Shepherd.

- Christian Education will follow the service and will review the prophecy of Ezekiel who promised the Savior would be the true Shepherd and King.



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