



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: “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
Christian Worship 84

The Invocation

P: In the name of 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

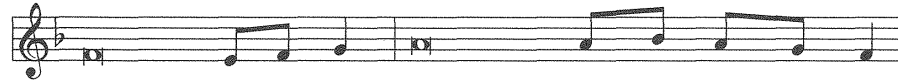
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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.



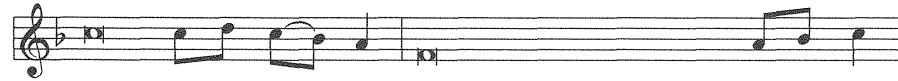
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



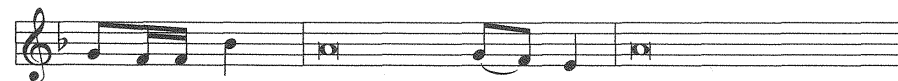
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



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



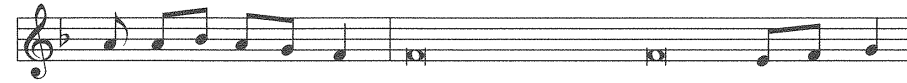
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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: As Samuel and the first disciples answered your call to follow, give us the same willing spirit. Work in us through the power of the Gospel. Fill us with joy and devotion by the work of your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us by your gracious promises to follow, worship, and serve you first. We know there will be many distractions offered by the world. The devil will also seek to keep us from serving you. Even our flesh will grow tired and disinterested. Let none of these take hold or take over. Give us the dedication and perseverance we need so that we can follow and serve you until you say our time is complete, when you welcome us into your eternal kingdom—our True and Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word *"Serve the Lord and Glorify His Name!"*

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common.

²Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place ³and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's ark was. ⁴The LORD called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." ⁵He ran to Eli, and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶Then the LORD called once more, "Samuel!"

So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel had not yet experienced the LORD's presence, that is, the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸The LORD called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm Verse

P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. Then I will guard it to the end. Give me understanding, and I will guard your law. I will keep it with all my heart. Make me walk on the path of your commandments, for I take pleasure in it. Direct my heart toward your testimonies. Give me life according to your ways. Confirm your sayings to your servant, so that you may be feared.

Congregation responds

“Savior, I Follow On”
Christian Worship 473 st. 1

Savior, I follow on guided by thee,
Seeing not yet the hand that leadeth me.
Hushed be my heart and still; fear I no further ill.
Only to meet thy will my will shall be.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

¹³But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. ¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

Verse of the Day

P: You are my portion, O LORD. I said I would keep your words. I have sought favor with all my heart. Be gracious to me according to your sayings. I have considered my ways, and I have turned my feet to your testimonies. I will hurry I will not delay. I will keep your commandments. Your mercy, LORD, fills the earth. Teach me your statutes

Congregation responds

“Savior, I Follow On”
Christian Worship 473 st. 4

Savior, I long to walk closer with thee;
Led by thy guiding hand, ever to be
Constantly near thy side, quickened and purified,
Living for him who died freely for me.

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the first chapter of John, reading from the forty-third verse.



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

⁴³The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

“Come and see!” Philip told him.

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!” ⁵¹Then he added, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Word of our God. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will 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.**

Hymn of the Day

**“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”
*Christian Worship 453 st. 1-4***

Sermon

John 1:43-51

Theme: **“Follow Me!”**
A Simple Call
A Glorious Promise

“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.

Pray, Praise, and give Thanks

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing
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

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”
Christian Worship 463

Closing Psalm and Prayer

P: Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

C: I have sworn and affirmed that I will keep your righteous judgments.

P: LORD, give me life according to your words. LORD, please accept the willing praise from my mouth. And teach me your judgments.

C: The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not wandered from your precepts.

P: I have inherited your testimonies forever. Yes, they are the joy of my heart.

C: I turn my heart to do your statutes, forever, right to the end.

P: O gracious Savior, you offer us a sincere and gracious invitation. You want us to follow you. Now, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we can answer as Samuel did, and follow you as Philip and Nathaniel did. We know there will always be challenges, and even crosses to bear. We also know by your strength and presence we will be able to endure all things and serve you without fear or excuse. So bless us to the glory of your

name, our merciful Savior and God—who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit throughout endless ages.



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 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”
Christian Worship 462

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in name of Jesus Christ.* As we continue to see our Savior revealed as the Son of God and our faithful Savior, we see how blessed we are that he has invited us to follow him and serve him. We pray he would keep us faithful in all things. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the service there will be time for snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship in the Lord. Everyone is invited.

- The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will follow the worship service. We will review the blessings of 2023, and we will also vote on the ministry and funding plan for 2025.

Tuesday—Outreach Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm. If you have ideas, or would like to help in any way, plan on coming.

Wednesday—We continue with the “Primer for the Passion. This evening we will look at Leviticus 16 and the “day of atonement.” Like the Passover, this was another of the festivals God commanded his people to keep as a lasting ordinance.

Friday—Office hours: 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Cleaning: Favuzzi

- Mowing beginning January 21st—J. Schueler

Sunday, January 21st—Sunday Worship and Streaming at 9:30 am. Paul went to great lengths to help the Christians in Corinth understand the ministry which was entrusted to them. It was the one they received by grace, and the same one they were to share. We have had the same ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us. This is why we proclaim the good news that God has reconciled the world to himself.

- Christian Education will follow the worship service and will look at the call and ministry of Jonah. A prophet to whom we can readily relate.

Thank You

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