

The Lord's Service

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**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

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*Song of Praise and Greeting *For the Cause*
(see page 2)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

*Call to Worship Psalm 95.1-7

**Call to
Worship**
We are called into worship
by God Himself. He sets the
terms for worship because
He makes worship possible
through Jesus Christ.

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

PEOPLE: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

LEADER: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

LEADER: For he is our God,

PEOPLE: **And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*Hymn No. 92 (vs. 1-2)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. For the cause of Christ the King we give our
 2. For the King, once lift - ed high to cries of
 3. Let it be my life's re - frain, "To live is



lives, an of - fer - ing, 'til all the earth re - sounds with
 rage, of "cru - ci - fy". en - dured the cross as ev - 'ry
 Christ, to die is gain." De - ny my - self, take up my



cease - less praise to the Son. For the cause of Christ we
 sin was laid on the Son. To the King who con - quered
 cross, and fol - low the Son. Let it be my life's re -



go with joy to reap, with faith to sow, as man - y see and man - y
 death, to free the poor and the op - pressed for last ing peace, for life and
 frain, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." De - ny my self, take up my



put their trust in the Son. Christ we pro -
 lib - er - ty in the Son.
 cross, and fol - low the Son.



claim, the Name a - bove ev - 'ry name. For all cre - a - tion, ev - 'ry



na - tion, God's sal - va - tion through the Son.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

*Invocation

Elder Mark Wilson

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Exodus 20.2-17, 2

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

PEOPLE: **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

LEADER: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

PEOPLE: Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

LEADER: You shall not murder.

PEOPLE: You shall not commit adultery.

LEADER: You shall not steal.

PEOPLE: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

LEADER: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

PEOPLE: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heidelberg Palatinate Church Order, 1563, Zacharias Ursinus

LEADER: Beloved in the Lord, since we see in God's commandments, as in a mirror, how serious and manifold our sins are, for which we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, let us wholeheartedly confess the same to our faithful Father. Say with me as follows:

PEOPLE: I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear son Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 46.1-3

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 92 (vs. 3-4)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tracy Wright

Isaiah 40.1-5 (p. 599)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving-kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.
(Wood 1959 Paul A. Schmitt Music Company)

*Doxology

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 197

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Scripture Lesson

Titus 2.11-14 (p. 998)

Sermon

Pastor Steere

COMFORT

*Hymn

No. 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Steere

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff and Alayne Griffin

Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.