Preparation to Worship

• *The bullet points indicate when to stand if you are able.*

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM

Let us rise as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, calls us to worship Him. As we are gathered as His people I ask you this morning, Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, from where does your help come?

Our help comes from the LORD Who made heaven and earth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 121:1-2, Psalm 46:1

Call to Worship

Please stand, if you are able

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. Psalm 27: 1, 4, 5, 6

• Opening Prayer *(Led by Pastor)*

Please stand, if you're able

• Psalm #33

"Rejoice, You Righteous in the Lord"

Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord, and sing a hymn of praise! Make music now with heart and voice, a skillful song now raise! For true and faithful are His works, and all His words are right! All righteousness Jehovah loves, in justice takes delight.

The nations of the earth may plan. but men's designs shall fail. The Lord shall foil all schemes of man; no sinful thoughts prevail. The counsels of the Lord shall stand; they are forever sure. The plans of Yahweh's heart are firm; His chosen ones, secure.

From heav'n above the Lord looks down on all the sons of men; the small, and men of great renown, He watches from His throne. In sov'reign providence He moves and fashions all their hearts; considers all their works, and then to each his own imparts.

An army cannot save a king, nor rescue from the grave. No mighty horse can safety bring – God's hand alone can save! Our souls wait only for the Lord, our Helper and our Shield. In Him alone we find our joy; to none but Him we yield.

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS, TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE

God's Commandments Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin (Prayer led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus....

Romans 3:23-24

Hymn

"Not What My Hands Have Done" (#461 Trinity Hymnal)

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord to thee, can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak; thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break. No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do; no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; He calls me his, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives; I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.

• We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 69. What is the communion in grace, which the members of the invisible Church have with Christ?

A. The communion in grace, which the members of the invisible Church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of His mediation, in their justification, adoption, sanctification, and whatever else in this life manifests their union with Him. Rom. 8:30; Eph. 1:5; 1 Cor. 1:30.

Q. 70. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in His sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

Rom. 3:22, 24-25; Rom. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:19, 21; Rom. 3:22, 24-25, 27-28; Titus 3:5, 7; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:17-19; Rom. 4:6-8; Acts 10:43; Gal. 2:16; Phil. 3:9.

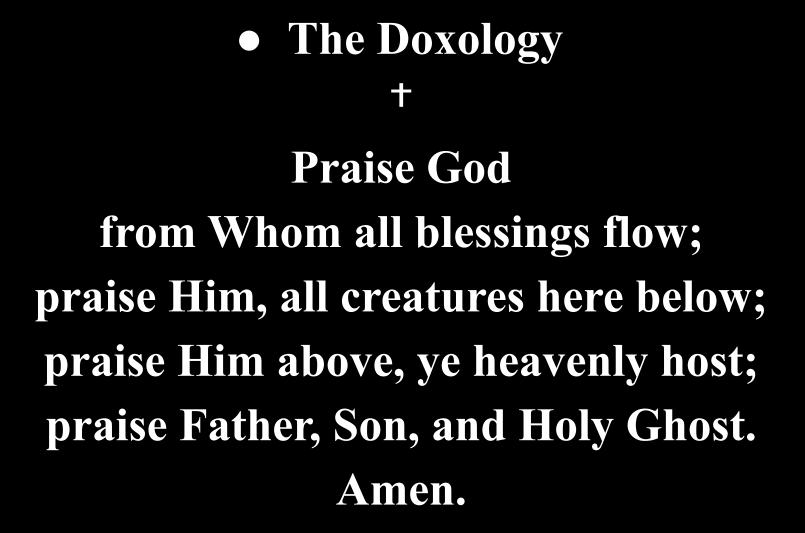
Old Testament Scripture Reading *Psalm 9:10-20*

Parents of Children in PreK–1st Grade have the option to take their children to Children's Church

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10



New Testament Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Pastoral Prayer Led by Pastor

• Hymn 407

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word, Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil **One firm anchor holds us fast:** God is King, His throne eternal, God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son, **Brightness of the Father's glory,** With the Father ever one; Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born; Light of Light, to earth descending, Christ as God in human form.

God is speaking by His Spirit, **Speaking to our hearts again;** In the ageless Word expounding God's own message, now as then. Thro' the rise and fall of nations **One sure faith yet standing fast:** God abides, His Word unchanging, God the First and God the Last.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

Selections from Romans 3, 5 and James 2

Sermon

"Justified by Faith Alone"

Pastor Theo van Blerk

Prayer

Hymn 38 "Ye Servants of God"

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, And publish abroad His wonderful Name; The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, And still He is nigh, His presence we have; The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, Who sits on the throne' Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right -All glory and power, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

• The Blessing of God's People Now the God of peace, Who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Christ is Risen

He Is Risen, Indeed.