

Let us prepare to worship the living God

**Prelude**

Let us rise to worship the Triune God,  
God the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit. Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ,

**Who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Galatians 1:3-5*

# Call to Worship

The Lord reigns; He is robed in majesty;

**the Lord is robed; He has put on  
strength as His belt.**

Yes, the world is established; it shall never  
be moved.

**Your throne is established from of old;**

You are from everlasting.

**The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.**

Mightier than the thunders of many  
waters,  
mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mighty!

**Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits Your house,  
O Lord, forevermore.**

*Psalm 93*



**Opening Prayer (in unison)**



## Psalm 138

*“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”  
(Tune: “The Solid Rock”)*

**With grateful heart my thanks I bring,  
before the gods Your praises sing.  
I worship in Your holy place and praise You  
for Your truth and grace.  
For You have raised Your Word divine; Your  
Name in matchless glory shines;  
Your Name in matchless glory shines.**

I cried to You, my soul to save; Your  
Word of grace new courage gave;  
The kings of earth will thank You, Lord,  
for they have heard Your wondrous  
Word.

The kings shall come with songs of  
praise, for great and glorious are Your  
ways,  
For great and glorious are Your ways.

The Lord is robed in glory bright; He  
reigns above the heav'nly height;  
The proud in vain Your favor seek,  
but You have mercy for the meek.  
Through trouble though my pathway  
be, You will revive and strengthen me,  
You will revive and strengthen me.

**You will stretch forth Your mighty arm  
to save me when my foes alarm;  
The work of grace You have begun shall  
by Your hand be fully done.  
Your love endures eternally; do not  
forsake Your work in me,  
Do not forsake Your work in me.**

**THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN  
AND CALLS US TO REPENTANCE**

# Scripture Reading

*Deuteronomy 5:1-21*





**We Confess Our Sin**  
*(In Unison)*



**Our Father in heaven,**

**We are weak and weary,  
and burdened by our sins;**

**When we recall our iniquities one by one,  
We realize there are many more we cannot  
even remember.**

**We sin thoughtlessly. We often do not pay  
attention to Your Word.**

**We sin without even realizing we are  
sinning.**

**We sin where and when we think You  
cannot see.**

**O, how we grieve You!**

**Thank You for hearing Your law once again  
today.**

**Pierce our hearts that we would listen and  
repent.**

**We recall the words of the Lord Jesus,  
“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy  
laden, and I will give you rest.”**

**Give us rest, Lord.**

**Forgive us for the sake of Jesus and lead us  
daily on the path to everlasting glory  
through a sanctifying life.**

**In Jesus Name. Amen**

**God's Assurance to  
His Repentant People**

In love He predestined us for adoption to  
Himself as sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of His will, to  
the praise of His glorious grace, with  
which He has blessed us in the Beloved.  
In Him we have redemption through His  
blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of His grace which  
He lavished upon us.

*Ephesians 1: 5-8*

# HYMN

*We Rest on Thee, Our Shield and Our  
Defender”*

*(Tune: “Be Still My Soul”)*

**“We rest on Thee,” our Shield and our  
Defender!**

**We go not forth alone against the foe;  
Strong in Thy strength,  
safe in Thy keeping tender,**

**“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go,”  
Strong in Thy strength,  
safe in Thy keeping tender,**

**“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.”**



**“Yea, in Thy Name,” O Captain of  
salvation!**

**In Thy dear Name, all other names above:**

**Jesus our righteousness, our sure  
foundation,**

**Our Prince of glory and our King of love,**

**Jesus our righteousness, our sure  
foundation,**

**Our Prince of glory and our King of love.**

**“We go” in faith, our own great weakness  
feeling,  
And needing more each day Thy grace to  
know:**

**Yet from our hearts a song of triumph  
pealing,**

**“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go,”**

**Yet from our hearts a song of triumph  
pealing,**

**“We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.”**

**“We rest on Thee,” our Shield and our  
Defender!**

**Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise  
When passing through the gates of pearly  
splendor,**

**Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless  
days,**

**When passing through the gates of pearly  
splendor,**

**Victors, we rest with Thee, through endless days.**

# Professing our Faith

## *Westminster Larger Catechism*

**Q. 182. How doth the Spirit help us to  
pray?**

**A. We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure), those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.**

Q. 183. For whom are we to pray?

**A. We are to pray for the whole Church of Christ upon earth; for magistrates, and ministers; for ourselves, our brethren, yes, even our enemies; and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those that are known to have sinned the sin unto death.**

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Proverbs 17:1-15*



*Children age PreK-1st Grade  
Are dismissed for Children's Church*

# We worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

*“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”*

*1 Corinthians 4:2*

# Hymn #688

*“Savior, Like A Savior Shepherd Lead Us”*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we  
need Thy tender care;**

**In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our  
use Thy folds prepare:**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast  
bought us, Thine we are;**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast  
bought us, Thine we are.**

**We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the  
Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek  
us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear  
us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Hear, O hear  
us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor  
and sinful tho' we be;**

**Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to  
cleanse and pow'r to free:**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us  
turn to Thee;**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us  
turn to Thee.**

**Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do  
Thy will;**

**Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy  
love our beings fill.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast  
loved us, love us still;**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast  
loved us, love us still.**

**Prayer for God's Provision**





# **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.**



# **New Testament Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*



**Pastoral Prayer**



# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

## Scripture Reading

*Matthew 25:1-13*

# Sermon

*“Children of God’s Kingdom are Prepared  
for the Return of Jesus Christ”*

*Pastor Theo van Blerk*

Prayer

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**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

## Hymn #754

*“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”*



**Lo, He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favored sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God appears on earth  
to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him, robed  
in dreadful majesty!**

**Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall  
their true Messiah see.**

**Now the Savior, long-expected, see in  
solemn pomp appear.**

**All His saints, by man rejected, now shall  
meet Him in the air.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God  
appear.**

**Yea, amen! Let all adore Thee, high on  
Thine eternal throne.**

**Savior, take the pow'r and glory; claim  
the kingdom for Thine own.**

**O come quickly! O come quickly!  
Everlasting God, come down!**

**The Blessing to God's People**



**Grace to you and peace from Him Who is  
and Who was and Who is to come, and from  
the seven spirits who are before His throne,  
and from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness,  
the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of  
kings on earth.**

**To Him Who loves us and has freed us  
from our sins by His blood and made us a  
kingdom, priests to His God and Father,  
to Him be glory and dominion forever  
and ever. Amen.**

*Revelation 1:4-6*

Christ Is Risen!