

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 16, 2025

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!
Psalm 67:7

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 42 (p. 800 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while men say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

**how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God,
with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.**

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

**Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have
swept over me.**

By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me?

“Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?”

**My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where
is your God?”**

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* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your moral law which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. Each of the commandments reveal your holiness and our sinfulness.

All: The Fifth Commandment is: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not giving proper respect to those whom you have placed in authority over us. Help us to correct our errors and to trust in your sovereignty over every sphere of our lives, including your providence over those whom you have appointed to lead us.

All: Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 17:1-8

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 581

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove,
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 45. *What is the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment is: “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Q. 46. *What is required in the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. 47. *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

A. The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving to any other of that worship and glory due to him alone.

Q. 48. *What are we especially taught by the words, “before me,” in the first commandment?*

A. These words, “before me,” in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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.

Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church’s website.*

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Matthew 11:25-30

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 8:1-6, 9])

Hymn 114

Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name
All thy wondrous works proclaim;
In the heav'ns with radiant signs
Evermore thy glory shines.
Infant lips thou dost ordain
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;
Weakest means fulfill thy will,
Mighty enemies to still.

Moon and stars in shining height
Nightly tell their Maker's might;
When thy wondrous heav'ns I scan,
Then I know how weak is man.
What is man that he should be
Loved and visited by thee,
Raised to an exalted height,
Crowned with honor in thy sight?

With dominion crowned he stands
O'er the creatures of thy hands;
All to him subjection yield
In the sea and air and field.
Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name
All thy wondrous works proclaim;
Thine the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth. Amen.

Reception of a New Member

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. M. Connor Underseth

“A Promise from the Prophet”
Isaiah 55

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, November 17

Scripture: Ezekiel 35:1 - 36:38; James 1:1-18; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 27:23-27

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 26

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, November 18

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1 - 38:23; James 1:19 - 2:17; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 28:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, November 19

Scripture: Ezekiel 39:1 - 40:27; James 2:18 - 3:18; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 28:2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Belarus and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 20

Scripture: Ezekiel 40:28 - 41:26; James 4:1-17; Psalm 118:19-29; Proverbs 28:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, November 21

Scripture: Ezekiel 42:1 - 43:27; James 5:1-20; Psalm 119:1-16; Proverbs 28:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, November 22

Scripture: Ezekiel 44:1 - 45:12; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Psalm 119:17-32; Proverbs 28:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, November 23

Scripture: Ezekiel 45:13 - 46:24; 1 Peter 1:13 - 2:10; Psalm 119:33-48; Proverbs 28:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

MISSIONS CORNER

Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

Ray & Michele Call in Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

EVENING GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 89 “God Is Our Strength and Refuge”

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotion

Hymn 641 “How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me”

Prayer for Our Church Family (Local and Global)

Hymn 90 “The Man Who Once Has Found Abode”

Prayer for the Shepherd’s Church and the Manrique Family

Hymn 1 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Closing Prayer



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