

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Psalm 67:3

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy, and your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace.

All: The Third Commandment of your Law is, "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: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not treating your name with the honor and reverence that you deserve. We have been distracted in worship and in our prayers and Bible reading this week. We are ashamed and sorry for how we have sinned against you.

All: Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to honor and serve 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

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Ezekiel 36:22-32

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. 39. *What is the duty that God requires of man?*

A. The duty that God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule that God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law found to be summarized?*

A. The moral law is found summarized in the Ten Commandments.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Doxology*

Hymn 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.

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*

Titus 3:1-11

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Cleansing Blood of Christ”
Exodus 30:17-21

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 307

Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Now by this I’ll overcome—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I’ll reach my home—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus. Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit,
Be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 3

Scripture: Ezekiel 7:1 - 9:11; Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 105:1-15; Proverbs 26:28

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 24

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

Tuesday, November 4

Scripture: Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:25; Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 27:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Wednesday, November 5

Scripture: Ezekiel 12:1 - 14:11; Hebrews 7:1-17; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 27:3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Bangladesh and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 6

Scripture: Ezekiel 14:12 - 16:41; Hebrews 7:18-28; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 27:4-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Friday, November 7

Scripture: Ezekiel 16:42 - 17:24; Hebrews 8:1-13; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 27:7-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

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

Saturday, November 8

Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1 - 19:14; Hebrews 9:1-10; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 27:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Sunday, November 9

Scripture: Ezekiel 20:1-49; Hebrews 9:11-28; Psalm 107:1-43; Proverbs 27:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The bronze basin in the court of the tabernacle was used by the priests to wash their hands and their feet. They were required to wash before they entered the tabernacle and before they handled the sacrificial offerings that were for the altar. The bronze basin was in constant use as the priests washed constantly throughout the day. Through this repetition, God was teaching them that they needed to be cleansed in order to enter into his presence. He was also teaching them that the water was not enough. The fact that the priests had to repeatedly wash revealed that they were never truly clean. God used this cleansing ritual to point his people to Christ and his cleansing blood. It alone can cleanse us once-for-all. Joel Beeke in his *Reformed Systematic Theology*, vol. 2 writes:

The worth and sufficiency of Christ's redemption implies that he has completed the work of atonement, and nothing more need be added. Just before Christ died, "knowing that all things were now accomplished," he declared, "It is finished" (John 19:28, 30). Christ was not resigning himself to death but declaring triumphantly that he had completed the work given him by the Father. John next relates how Christ fulfilled the type of the Passover lamb (v. 36; cf. v. 14). Therefore, Christ finished the work of offering himself as a sacrifice for sins to deliver people from God's judgment.

1. Read Exodus 30:17-21. What does this passage reveal about the significance of the ritual washing? What was God teaching Israel through this requirement?
2. Read 1 John 1:5-10. Where does John exhort us to place our assurance of salvation? Do you ever struggle with assurance? How might recalling the promise in these verses help you through those seasons of life?
3. Baptism signifies and seals that we are cleansed by Christ's blood and regenerated by the Spirit. Read Titus 3:4-7 and reflect on the connection between what Christ accomplished in the past and how the Spirit applies Christ's work to you in the present.
4. According to Ephesians 5:25-27, what does it mean that we have been "cleansed... by the washing of water with the word"? What is the connection between preaching and the sacraments?
5. The Puritan preacher Thomas Manton described Martin Luther's way of living out his baptism: "Luther said of himself that when the devil tempted him to despair, or to any doubts and fears about the love of God or his mercy to sinners, he would always answer, 'Behold, I am baptized, and believe in Christ crucified.'" How might thinking more frequently about your baptism and its significance help you in your Christian life?



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