THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

...men would have little difficulty with the gospel if they had only learned the lesson of the law.... So it always is: a low view of the law always brings legalism in religion; a high view of law makes a man a seeker after grace." (Gresham Machen)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Psalm 65.1-4

Leader: Praise is due you, O God, in Zion,
And to you shall vows be performed.
People: O you who hear prayer,
To you shall all flesh come.
Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,
You atone for our transgressions.
People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
To dwell in your courts!
Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
The holiness of your temple!
All: Let's worship God!

Greeting: Ruth 2.4

Leader: The LORD be with you!
People: The LORD bless you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: For the Beauty of the Earth
Trinity Hymnal #116

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: The Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.
You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain....
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Honor your father and your mother....
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbors'.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Hebrews 9.11-14

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

God Consecrates Us by Praise, Pledge, and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain
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He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself, so great his love!
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me! ***Refrain***

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. ***Refrain***

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own ***Refrain x2***

Profession of Faith: Caroline Luter

Song of Reflection: We Are the Body of Christ

One heart, one spirit, / one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ.
One hope, one vision / to see you exalted
We are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives / to see you glorified.

One heart, one spirit, / one voice to praise you
We are the body of Christ / We are the body of Christ

Prayer of Intercession: The 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Children dismissed to Little Church*

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Galatians 3.15-29

Sermon: Before and After

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 60. How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Hymn of Response: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Trinity Hymnal #465

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.