



Morning Worship and Communion Service

11:15 A.M.

October 27, 2024

We worship the one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue as God speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. In our worship, we only do what God commands because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation

As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.

God's Greeting

God's Call to Worship Psalm 46:11

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn 244 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Opening Prayer

Having come into God's presence, we read from the commandments in his word as the standard of righteousness required of us. Because we have not met this standard, the reading serves as a call to confess our sins.

Reading of the Law and Call to Confession Leviticus 19:1-4, 17-19
(Bible p.97)

We respond to hearing God's commandments by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession, typically said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Adapted from *Luther's Prayers*

Dear Lord God, I cannot count the sins that I have done and still do. I have forgotten most of them and no longer feel my guilt. All that is in me and all power that is not grace is sin and is condemned. My works and my powers only make me despondent. I do not know what else to do but hope and pray for your mercy. As grace and faith control me, I am devout through Christ. Where these fail me, I know and confess that nothing good is left in me. No matter how long I live, it will never be different. Yet all my sins are forgiven out of your pure grace. This is the joy and comfort that you gladly give to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 3:28

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Psalm 80B *Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People*

Because we worship God together as one body, we confess our faith in unison, using a statement of faith from one of the creeds, confessions of faith, or catechisms used in the history of the church.

Confession of Faith (in unison) The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father, before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at

the right hand of the Father and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his word, the Scriptures. God commands, "the public reading of Scripture," so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-6 (Bible p.977)

Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world. We conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

God's people have always worshiped God by giving to him from all that he gives to us. In the Old Testament, God's people were commanded to bring offerings, which provided for the sacrifices. In the New Testament, Jesus gave himself the final sacrificial offering and Christians are called to give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially in response. Afterward, we sing our praise and thanks using the Doxology.

Offering and Doxology (Hymn #570)

At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God's Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God's word with understanding.

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text John 17 (Bible p.903)

Title That They May Be One

We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.

Hymn 404 *The Church's One Foundation*

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly to remember the death of Jesus and to look forward to the communion with him we will enjoy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Because the broken body and shed blood of Jesus is pictured in the bread and the cup and Christ is spiritually present when we partake with faith, we truly eat his body and drink his blood. All baptized members of a Christian Church who have professed their faith are invited to come to the Lord's Table if they seek forgiveness and freedom from their sins through Jesus, unless otherwise prohibited. Because this meal also reminds us of our unity and communion with one another, we wait to partake together. Both wine and grape juice are served and the communion bread is gluten free.

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 133A *How Excellent a Thing It Is*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

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Worship Leader and Preacher: Pastor Zach Siggins

Musician Jason Carpenter

Sound Tyler McDonald