

Service of Worship

Preparing for worship—*For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.*

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: **The Lord bless you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Zephaniah 3:14-17

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen!**

† INTROIT Psalm 122b

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 119:105-112
Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

I have sworn and confirmed

That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much;

Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,

And teach me Your judgments.

My life is continually in my hand,

Yet I do not forget Your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me,

Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,

they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes

Forever, to the very end.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth
People: **He will hear their cry and save them!**

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 98 – *Now Thank We All Our God*



God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Let those who are able kneel*)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:

People: **Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in**

Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Joel 2:12-13

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so.**



God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Daniel 2:20-23

† SECOND READING Luke 17:11-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 2 Samuel 22:47-51

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Give Thanks to the Lord for He Is Good*
Elder Bill Grete

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 382 – *God Himself Is with Us*



God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: **And His mercy endures forever!**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread # 585– *Take My Life, and Let it Be*
Passing of the Wine # 642 – *Be Thou My Vision*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

† GLORIA PATRI # 735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Q. 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand
‡ With hands uplifted

