

# 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

PRELUDE



## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Ezekiel 37:26-28

Leader: Let us rise and worship God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

† INTROIT # 656 – *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills From whence comes my help?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not allow your foot to be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

**The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

The sun shall not strike you by day,

**Nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

**He shall preserve your soul.**

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in

**From this time forth, and even forevermore.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth

**People: He will hear their cry and save them!**

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 121b



## 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: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in**

**Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 4:7-11

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 Genesis 12:1-9

† SECOND READING Romans 4:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord—

**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT John 3:1-17

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Pastor Michael Schneider

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 261 – *What Wondrous Love Is This*



## 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  
Passing of the Wine

# 98 – *Now Thank We All Our God*  
# 255 – *O Jesus, We Adore Thee*

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 *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen!**



## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand

‡ With hands uplifted

