

Let us prepare to worship the living God

**Prelude**

# THE LORD CALLS US

Let us rise to worship the Triune God, God  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, and declare in the words of  
Psalm 123:2,

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**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the  
hand of their master, as the eyes of a  
maidservant to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till He has mercy upon us.**

# Call to Worship

*“I love You, Lord, my strength.”*

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and  
my Savior, my God, my Rock, in Whom I  
take refuge; My shield and the horn of  
my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be  
praised,  
And I am saved from my enemies.

**As for God, His way is blameless; the  
Word of the Lord is refined; He is a shield  
to all who take refuge in Him.**

For who is God, but the Lord? And who is  
a rock, except our God, the God Who  
encircles me with strength, and makes my  
way blameless?

He makes my feet like deer's feet, and sets me up on my high places. He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand upholds me; and Your gentleness makes me great. You enlarge my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped.



The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock;  
and exalted be the God of my salvation;

**Therefore, I will give thanks to You among  
the nations, Lord, and I will sing praises to  
Your Name. He gives great salvation to His  
king, and shows faith-fulness to His  
anoointed, to David and his descendants  
forever.**

*Selected verse from Psalm 18*

# Opening Prayer



**Psalm of Praise #63**

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”*



**All creatures of our God and King, lift up  
your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with  
golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O  
praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye  
clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising  
morn, in praise rejoice;  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise  
Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make  
music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful  
and bright,  
Thou givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving  
others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and  
sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care, O  
praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and  
worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the  
Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O  
praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



**THE LORD CONVICTS US OF OUR SIN  
AND CALLS US TO REPENTANCE**

# Scripture Reading

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*(Focus on 10th Commandment)*



**We Confess Our Sin**

**Our Father in heaven,  
Although You are a holy God, Who  
cannot look upon sin, please look upon  
Christ our Savior and forgive us for His  
sake. You have promised us that if we  
confess our sins, You are faithful and  
just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse  
us from all unrighteousness. For if we  
do sin, we have an Advocate before  
Your throne, Jesus Christ the Righteous,**

and He is the propitiation for our sins.  
Give us Your pardon by Your mercies,  
dear Father, for You have clothed us in  
Christ's righteousness. We ask also that  
You would give us an increase of the  
grace of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may  
learn the wisdom of Your ways and walk  
in Your holy paths, for Your glory and  
the good of our neighbor.  
We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# **God's Assurance to His Repentant People**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is  
within me, bless His holy Name!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not  
all His benefits, Who forgives all your  
iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who  
redeems your life from the pit, Who  
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**Who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the  
eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast  
love. For as high as the heavens are above  
the earth, so great is His steadfast love  
toward those who fear Him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far  
does He remove our transgressions from us.**

*Psalm 103:1-5, 8, 11-12*



HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that  
saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost but now am found; was  
blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear the  
hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; His  
Word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be as long as  
life endures.**

**Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares I have  
already come.**

**'Tis grace has bro't me safe thus far, and  
grace will lead me home.**

**Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy  
and peace.**

# Professing our Faith

## *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

**A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, His ordinances, especially the Word, Sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.**

***Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2:42, 46-47.***

Q. 89. How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

**A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.**

*Neh. 8:8; 1 Cor. 14:24-25; Acts 26:18; Ps. 19:8; Acts 10:32; Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Rom. 10:13-17; Rom. 1:16*



Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

**A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.**

*Prov. 8:34; 1 Pet. 2:1-2; Ps. 119:18; Heb. 4:2;  
2 Thess. 2:10; Ps. 119:11; Luke 8:15; Jas. 1:25.*

# Old Testament Scripture Reading

*Psalm 119:33-40*

*Children age PreK-1st Grade  
Are dismissed for Children's Church*

**We worship God with our  
Tithes and Offerings**

*"Every man shall give as he is able,  
according to the blessing of the LORD your  
God which He has given you." ~*

*Deuteronomy 16:17~*

# Hymn #680

*“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”*

**All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to  
ask beside?**

**Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who thro' life  
has been my Guide?**

**Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith  
in Him to dwell!**

**For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all  
things well;**

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things well.**

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each  
winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with  
the living bread.

Tho' my weary steps may falter, and my soul  
athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a  
spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a  
spring of joy I see.



**All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness  
of His love!**

**Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's  
house above.**

**When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its  
flight to realms of day,**

**This my song thro' endless ages: "Jesus led me  
all the way."**

**This my song thro' endless ages: "Jesus led me  
all the way."**

**Prayer for God's Provision**



**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.**

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**Pastoral Prayer**



# THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 15:1-10*



# Sermon

*“Children of the Kingdom of Heaven  
Compassionately Seek the Lost”*

**Pastor Theo van Blerk**

Prayer

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**THE LORD SENDS US OUT**

## HYMN 377

*“Facing A Task Unfinished  
(We Go to All the World)”*

*(Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation”)*

**Facing a task unfinished that drives us to  
our knees,**

**A need that, undiminished, rebukes our  
slothful ease.**

**We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew  
before Thy throne**

**The solemn pledge we owe Thee - to go  
and make Thee known**

**Where other lords beside Thee hold their  
unhindered sway;**

**Where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee  
still today.**

**With none to heed their crying for life, and  
love, and light,**

**Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into  
the night.**

**We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from  
the hands of those**

**Who gave their lives proclaiming that  
Jesus died and rose.**

**Ours is the same commission, the same  
glad message ours;**

**Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we  
yield our powers.**

**O Father Who sustained them, O Spirit  
Who inspired,  
Savior, Whose love constrained them to  
toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy  
awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor  
for Thy sake.**

**The Blessing to God's People**



**Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen**

***Hebrews 13:20-21***



Christ Is Risen!