



Lord's Day Service

At Church of the King on January 4th, 2026
Celebrating Epiphany

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalms 119:103

Hear Today's Call to Worship From God's Word

"Oh come, let us sing to Jehovah! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For Jehovah is the great God, And the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker"
Psalm 95:1-7

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Adoration: (Based on Psalm 145:10)

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and His love.
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Psalm 103:13]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

As a father has compassion on his children,

So Jehovah has compassion on those who fear Him

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." *Psalm 51:1-5*

God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

THIRSTING 8. 7. 8. 7. 7. 7. 8. 8.

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Harmony adapted from Dutch *Koraalboek*
of B. DeVries by Henry A. Bruinsma

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
All that well de - served his an - ger He no more will see or heed.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance, Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - fered many a day Now her griefs have passed a - way;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken, That his word is nev - er bro - ken. A - MEN.

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Silent Confession: *"When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:3-5*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

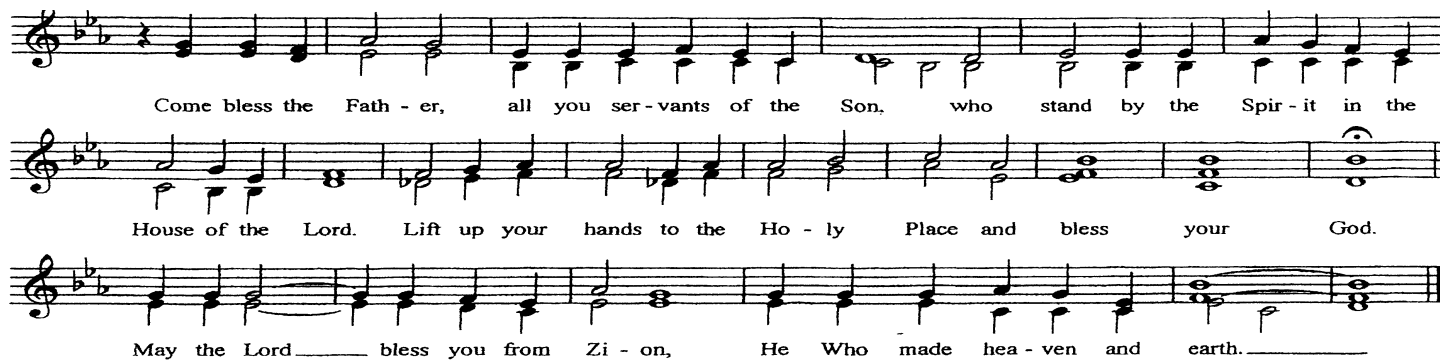
Almighty God our heavenly Father. You are completely holy and just in all Your ways. In Your love You have given us every good gift, most of all the Gift of your Son Jesus. Yet we are often unthankful, and fail to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In the same way, we take one another for granted, we become unthankful for the people you have lovingly brought into our lives, and we grumble and dispute, thus failing to love one another as we ought. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Make us a thankful people, now and throughout our lives. We ask this through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness : Psalm 51:7-12

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. The Bible declares we are now **in Christ** and **in Him** we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity, along with the holy angels and Saints from all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**



Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!



We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!



It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

""Stand up and bless Jehovah your God Forever and ever!

"Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!" Nehemiah 9:5b

Once in Royal David's City

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
• love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
• Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

The Sacrament of Baptism:

The Smith Family presents their daughter
for Baptism into the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

"Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38, 39

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. I Corinthians 10:1-4

Hymn of Thanks: *Beneath the Blood-Stained Doorpost*

Based on Exodus 12, words attributed to Harry Ironside, sung to the tune of O Sacred Head Now Wounded

***Beneath the blood-stained doorpost I with my children stand;
A messenger of evil is passing through the land.
There is no other refuge from the destroyer's face;
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost shall be our hiding place.***

***My Savior, for my dear ones I claim Thy promise true.
The Lamb is "for the household"—the children's Savior too.
On earth the little children once felt Thy touch divine;
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost Thy blessing give to mine.***

***O Thou who gave them, guard them, those wayward little feet,
The wilderness before them, the ills of life to meet.
My mother love is helpless, I trust them to Thy care!
Beneath the blood-stained doorpost, oh, keep me ever there!***

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

...that He [God] would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:16-19

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

Daniel 2:26-45

The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?” Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said,

“The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. “But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.

Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: “As for you, O king, thoughts came *to your mind while* on your bed, *about* what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.

“But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for *our* sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

“You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor *was* excellent, stood before you; and its form *was* awesome.

“This image's head *was* of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, “its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. “You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

“This *is* the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. “You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; “and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold.

“But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. “And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

“Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. “And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. “As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

“Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold

—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

[congregation standing]

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8. 6. 8. 6. 8. 6. with refrain

English traditional melody

English traditional carol

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. 'Fear not then,' said the an - gel, 'Let noth - ing you af - fright,
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas day,
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same:
This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing, In temp - est, storm, and wind:

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray;
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might.'
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, The Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

0 tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

0 tid - ings of com - fort and joy. A - MEN.

"Household Baptism"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on Acts 16

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

2 pages [congregation standing]

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL (Irregular)

Traditional English carol

from William Sandys' *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833

English carol from Davies Gilbert's
Sonie Ancient Christmas Carols, 1823

1. The first Noel the angel did say Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
3. *And by the light of that same star Three*
4. *This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er*
5. Then cn - tered in those Wise Men three, Full
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, be - yond them far; And to the
Wise Men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And there it
rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered
prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both
King was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher -
did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where
there, in His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and
heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood man -

The First Noel

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was so deep.
day and night.
ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
Je - sus lay.
frank - in - cense.
kind hath bought.

el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.” *Hebrews 7:1-4*

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 30:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

1: Sing praise you saints unto the Lord; 2: His wrath is in a moment past;
His name is one to be adored. His favor through all life will last.
Give thanks unto His holy name. Weeping may still endure a night,
At every mem'ry of that name. But joy comes with the morning light.

3: 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.

The Great Prayer, Concluding With the Lord's Prayer: Matthew Kirk

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion:

Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of ten systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady accompaniment.

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth;

8
And in Je - sus Christ, His on - ly be - got - ten Son, our Lord; Who was con - ceived by the

16
Ho - ly Spi - rit, born of the vir - gin Ma - ry, Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius

25
Pi - late, was dru - bi - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35
hell, the third day He rose a - gain from the dead; He as - cend - ed in - to

43
heav - en, and sit - teth at the right hand of God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty; From

52
thence He shall come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

60
I be - lieve a ho - ly cath - olic Church, the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins; the

70
re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy, and the life ev - er - last - ing. A - men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week *Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen".

[Matthew 28:17-20]

Our Final Responsive Reading: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 The Sin-Bearing Servant

[52:13] Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men;

So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

For what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

[53:1] Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of Jehovah been revealed?

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *there is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He *was* wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

And by His stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,

And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death,

Because He had done no violence, nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,

And the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in His hand.

He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore, I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors,

And He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

God's People Sing a Hymn of Commissioning:

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO (6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5)
German melody, 14th century
harm. Michael Praetorius, 1607; alt.

Latin carol, 14th century
tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;—
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;—
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;—

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is blessed for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Response to God’s Commission - Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - ra - el.

With Lifted Hands: Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The Heidelberg Catechism – Introduction Lord’s Day 1

1. What is your only comfort in life and in death? **That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,[1] am not my own,[2] but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,[3] who with His precious blood [4] has fully satisfied for all my sins,[5] and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;[6] and so preserves me [7] that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head;[8] indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.[9] Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,[10] and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.[11]**[1] Rom. 14:7–8. [2] 1Cor. 6:19. [3] 1Cor. 3:23. [4] 1Pet. 1:18–19. [5] 1Jn. 1:7; 2:2. [6] 1Jn. 3:8. [7] Jn. 6:39. [8] Matt. 10:29–30; Lk. 21:18. [9] Rom. 8:28. [10] 2Cor. 1:21–22; Eph. 1:13–14; Rom. 8:16. [11] Rom. 8:1

2. How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily? **Three things:[1] First, the greatness of my sin and misery.[2] Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery.[3] Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.[4]** [1] Lk. 24:46–47; 1 Cor. 6:11; Tit. 3:3–7. [2] Jn. 9:41; 15:22. [3] Jn. 17:3. [4] Eph. 5:8–11; 1 Pet. 2:9–12; Rom. 6:11–14; *Rom. 7:24–25; *Gal. 3:13; *Col. 3:17.

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~ Worship begins promptly at 1:30 p.m. ~ Today's message ~ Pastor Paul Liberati ~

PRAYER REQUESTS

• **General Prayers**

- A sacrificial love for the Church, both here and around the world
- That God would bless us with everything we need, including employment, housing & health enough to serve Him with our lives.

• **The Expectant Mothers** Annika Holst, Victoria Stabler, Sindy Kendrick and Alma Ryan

Praise for the birth of Johann Charles Ko; Rest & recovery for Zondra & joy for the family.

• **Those Suffering from Sickness and Personal Trial**

Manuella Pop (back surgery complications), Nicole Kraber (kidney stone recovery), Isaiah Gonzales (digestive issues), Caleb, 3yo son of Joshua Haymes, (kidney transplant surgery recovery), Steffan Rhoads (stroke recovery), Sean Van Ness' father, Roy (pain management & sleep issues), Spencer Pettyjohn's grandmother, Staci Webb (early surgery for her illness), Damell Kendrick's grandmother Anne King (broken shoulder after serious fall), Deonte Walters (mourning the loss of his grandmother), Sean Van Ness (job & Indiana move) We lift up those with illness, injury or physical health complications, such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer & stroke; Especially those who might be struggling with anxiety or depression. We pray for those

marriages that are experiencing trials or are broken.; Especially for the Begley, Van Ness & Ryan families: We pray for repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation & restoration; We pray for their children, protect them from uncertainty, fear & anger & give them assurance that they are loved;

• **Our Leaders and Prospective Leaders in the Church**

Elders: John Stoos, Paul Liberati & Chris Serroels

Deacons: Roger Walker & Igor Avanto (on sabbatical);

Officers in Training: Jacob Stabler, Deonte Walters, Justin Roome, Gabriel Stein & Patrick Avanto

• **Our Leaders in the Community** – Christian Business Owners, Parachurch Ministries and Pro-Life Organizations

• **Other Christian Churches** - particularly Providence Reformed Church in Grand Junction, CO, and Pastor Mike Denna

• **Elected and Appointed Officials** - President, Governors, Legislators, Justices, Federal & State Office Holders, Local Sheriffs, County Supervisors & City Councils

• **Those Straying from the Faith** - Brothers: Jeremiah, Payton & Garrett Snipes, Jeffrey Sudin, Philip Pesola & Dale Pettyjohn

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day 1 this week

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests and to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

Be present at our table Lord

Be here and everywhere adored.

These mercies bless and grant that we

May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,

For life and health and every good.

By Thine own hand may we be fed

Give us this day our daily bread.

Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):

Bible Study - Hebrews

Meets 8:00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Contact Pastor Liberati

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at

Denny's on Sunrise; reading Measures of the Mission by Rich Lusk. Contact Pastor Stoos.

Roseville Area Book Study:

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Thursdays at the

Pitts home; reading Through New Eyes by James B. Jordan. Contact Vern Pitts.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study

starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at

rotating locations; Contact Nathaniel

Pettyjohn. (530)205-5162

Lady's Saturday Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am. Contact Linda Stoos

Birthdays

James Ryan, Jr. - December 23rd

Hal Francioni - December 24th

Song Li - December 27th

Arianna Walters - December 31st

Evelyn Stein - January 8th

Gino Vrsek - January 8th

Allesandre Kraber - January 10th

Anniversaries

Nathaniel & Kayla Pettyjohn - January 10th