

Lord's Day Service



At Church of the King on March 8th, 2026

The 9th Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15

Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

*"Give to Jehovah the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him.
Oh, worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness!" I Chronicles 16:29*

Hear Today's Call to Worship from God's Word: [congregation standing]

*"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:1-3 **Come Worship the Holy One!***

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

O worship the King all glorious above,	O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	His chariot of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Isaiah 61:10a,b]

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

Amen!

Jehovah be with you!

And also with you!

I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah,

My soul shall be joyful in my God;

For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call For Confession From God's Word:

"And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts." Isaiah 6:4,5

God's People sing our Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Holy Father, Hear My Cry

Horatius Bonar, 1843

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2010

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system covers measures 1 through 8, and the second system covers measures 9 through 16. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, hear my cry; Ho - ly Sav - ior, bend Thine ear;
2. Fa - ther, save me from my sin; Sav - ior, I Thy mer - cy crave;
3. Fa - ther, let me taste Thy love; Sav - ior, fill my soul with peace;
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— Thou One Je - ho - vah, shed a - broad

Ho - ly Spir - it, come Thou nigh; Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, hear.
Gra - cious Spir - it, make me clean: Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, save.
Spir - it, come my heart to move: Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, bless.
All Thy grace with - in me now; Be my Fa - ther and my God.

Silent Confession: So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Jehovah." And Nathan said to David, "Jehovah also has put away your sin; 2 Samuel 12:13

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Lord God our Savior, who has performed the mercy promised to our fathers, and remembered Your holy covenant made in ages past, we ask You to forgive our sins and deliver us from our enemies. Through Your tender mercies, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us, even we who have sat in darkness and the shadow of death, give us Your light to guide our feet into the way of peace. Grant that we might serve Christ our Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives. For we pray in the name of our only Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN!

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Isaiah 6:6,7

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. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of 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 Father:

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]

Psalm 48:1-6, Bon Accord

Psalm 48, v. 1-6

1The Lord, the on - ly God, is great, and great - ly to be praised
2Her tow'rs, the joy of all the earth, with beaut - eous pros - pect rise,
3God in her pal - ces is known; his pres - ence is her guard;
4They viewed her walls; ad - mired and fled, with his grief and like that them was for - lorn;
5No wretch - ed crew of mar - se - i - per - ers ap - pear work that was fore - told;
6In Zi - on we have seen per - formed a - part of that which was fore - told;

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In Zi - on on whose hap - py mount His sa - cred throne is raised.
On her north side th' might - y King's im - per - ial cit - y lies.
4Con - fed - 'rate kings with - drew their siege, and of suc - cess de - spaired.
6Like wo - men whom the sud - den pangs of tra - vail had o'er - took.
When fleets from Tar - sish' wealth - y coasts by east - ern winds are torn.
In pledge that God, for times to come, His cit - y will up - hold.

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Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O Jehovah; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Psalm 86:11-12

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Greatest of These is Love

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:28-31

1 Corinthians 13 [read in unison]

[13:1] Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; Love does not envy; Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

Does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; Whether there are tongues, they will cease; Whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; But the greatest of these is love.

God's People Respond With The Singing Of:

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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German *Leise*, c. 1100

Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

st. 1, author unknown, c. 1250

st. 2-4, Martin Luther, 1524

tr. *Worship Supplement*, 1969, adapt.

1. To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2. O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3. Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4. Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it pre - cious light;

Most of all for faith up - on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

That he may de - fend us when life is end - ing
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us,

And from ex - ile home we are wend - ing.
Ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord have mer - cy.
When the foe shall taunt and as - sail - us.
Till to our true home he has brought us.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Honoring Your Elders"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on **1 Timothy 5:17-25**

Sermon Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

It Is Well with My Soul

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
“E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

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with my soul;
with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

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

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says Jehovah of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."

Malachi 3:10

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 30:11-12 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Oh Lord you have now turned for me, 2: I will sing praises from my soul;
My grief into a dance to Thee. To not be silent is my goal.
In sackcloth I'm no longer dressed; Oh Lord my God to You I raise,
With gladness you have made me blessed. Thanks never ending; You I praise!**

**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:

Chris Serroels

"Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on 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 the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN**
[Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

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

Piano

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 dry-ci-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-might-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

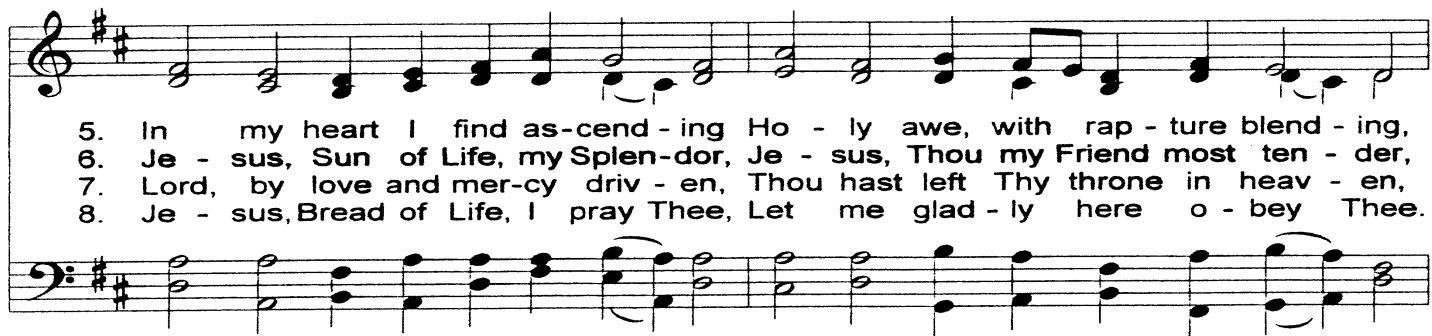
70 re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ey-er-last-ing. A-men.

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)

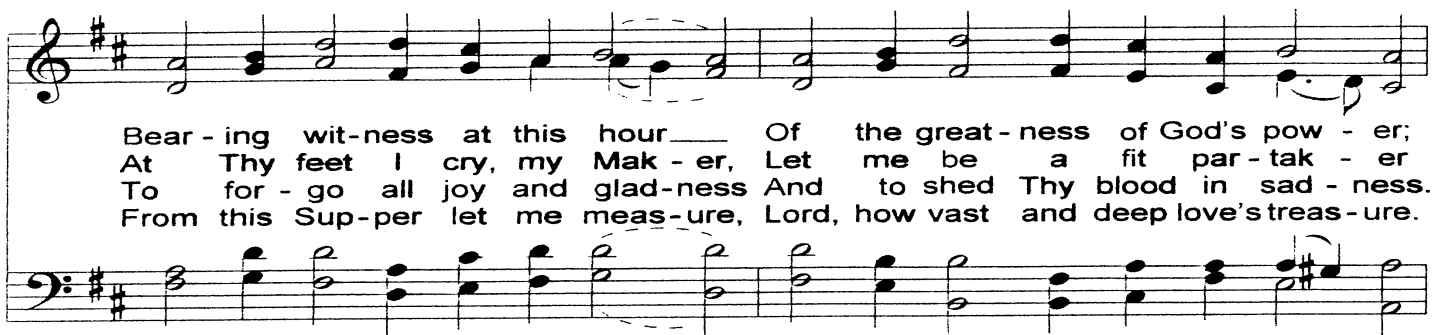
Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness



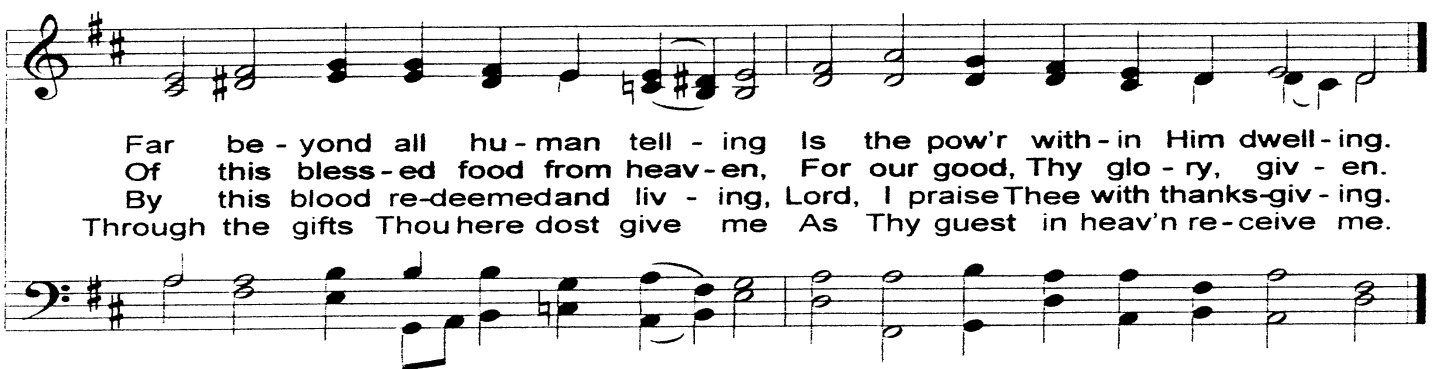
5. In my heart I find as-cend - ing Ho - ly awe, with rap - ture blend - ing,
6. Je - sus, Sun of Life, my Splen - dor, Je - sus, Thou my Friend most ten - der,
7. Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, Thou hast left Thy throne in heav - en,
8. Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me glad - ly here o - bey Thee.



As this mys - te - ry I pon - der, Fill - ing all my soul with won - der,
Je - sus, Joy of my de - sir - ing, Fount of Life, my soul in - spir - ing—
On the cross for me to lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,
By Thy love I am in - vit - ed, Be Thy love with love re - quit - ed;



Bear - ing wit - ness at this hour — Of the great - ness of God's pow - er;
At Thy feet I cry, my Mak - er, Let me be a fit par - tak - er
To for - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Thy blood in sad - ness.
From this Sup - per let me meas - ure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treas - ure.



Far be - yond all hu - man tell - ing Is the pow'r with - in Him dwell - ing.
Of this bless - ed food from heav - en, For our good, Thy glo - ry, giv - en.
By this blood re - deemed and liv - ing, Lord, I praise Thee with thanks - giv - ing.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

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

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.” Romans 12:9-13

God's People Prepare to Be Sent Forth with Singing:

Rise Again Ye Lion-Hearted

RISE AGAIN (8 7. 8 7. 6 6. 7 7)

James B. Jordan, 2002

from LOWEN, LASST EUCH WIEDERFINDEN

Bernard Klein, 1817

anon., 1712

tr. Martin Franzmann, 1940

1. Rise a - gain, ye li - on - heart - ed Saints of ear - ly Chris - ten - dom.
2. These the men by fear un - shak - en, Fac - ing dan - ger daunt - less - ly;
3. Great of heart, they know no turn - ing, Hon - or, gold, they laugh to scorn,
4. Would to God that I might e - ven As the mar - tyred saints of old,

Whith - er is your strength de - part - ed, Whith - er gone your mar - tyr - dom?
These no witch - ing lust hath tak - en, Lust that lures to van - i - ty.
Quench de - sires with - in them burn - ing, By no earth - ly pas - sion torn.
With the help - ing hand of Heav - en, Stead - fast stand in bat - tle bold!

Lo, love's light is on them, Glo - ry's flame up - on them,
Mid the roar and rat - tle Of tu - mult - ous bat - tle
Mid the li - ons' roar - ing Songs of praise out - pour - ing,
O my God, I pray - Thee, In the com - bat stay me.

And their will to die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
In de - sire they soar a - bove All that earth would have them love.
Joy - ous - ly they take their stand On th'a - re - na's blood - y sand.
Grant that I may ev - er be Loy - al, staunch, and true to Thee.

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

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

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- tiles, 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 – Lord’s Day 10

27. What do you understand by the providence of God? **The almighty, everywhere-present power of God,[1] whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures,[2] and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink,[3] health and sickness,[4] riches and poverty,[5] indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.** [1] Acts 17:25–26. [2] Heb. 1:3. [3] Jer. 5:24; *Acts 14:17. [4] Jn. 9:3. [5] Prov. 22:2; *Ps. 103:19; Rom. 5:3–5a.

28. What does it profit us to know that God created, and by His providence upholds, all things? **That we may be patient in adversity,[1] thankful in prosperity,[2] and for what is future have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from His love,[3] since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.[4]** [1] Rom. 5:3; Jas. 1:3; Job 1:21. [2] Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18. [3] Rom. 8:35, 38–39. [4] Job 1:12; Acts 17:25–28; Prov. 21:1; *Ps. 71:7; *2 Cor. 1:10.