

**Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER.



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**BLESSING &
GLORY &
WISDOM &
THANKSGIVING &
HONOR &
POWER &
MIGHT
be to our GOD
for ever and ever!
AMEN!**

-Revelation 7:12

The Order of Worship

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: #358

**Lamb of God, we fall before Thee,
Humbly trusting in Thy Cross.
That alone be all our glory;
All things else are only dross.**

**Thee we own a perfect Savior,
Only Source of all that's good.
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor
Comes to us thro' Jesus' blood.**

**Jesus gives us true repentance
By His Spirit sent from heav'n;
Whispers this transporting sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiv'n."**

**Faith He grants us to believe it,
Grateful hearts His love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.**

INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Cong: Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

P: God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

**Cong: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we
have fellowship with one another, and the blood of
Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

Living In the Light of "Amen"

THE OFFERING: *We offer our livelihood to the Lord in
response to His grace.*

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER: *We offer our pe-
titions to the Lord and join in the Lord's Prayer.*

HYMN: #410....."Jesus, Lead Thou On"

**Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear,
If the Foe be near,
Let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For though many a woe
To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,**

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN: #616

**"Forever with the Lord!"
Amen! so let it be.
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.**

**Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him, I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.**

**My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul, how near
At times to faith's foreseeing eye
Thy golden gates appear!**

SERMON: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

(ESV) As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. (19) For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. (20) For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (21) And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, (22) and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Cong: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Then let us confess our sins to God in prayer and seek His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Cong: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray, of Your bountiful mercy: be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in every need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Cong: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord, we thank You that You have called us out of the kingdom of darkness and into that kingdom which You have prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We pray that You would rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we might always live our life by faith in Jesus who loved us and gave Himself for us. Preserve us in this faith until the glorious reappearing of Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit—one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 63:1-16

(ESV) Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save." (2) Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? (3) "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. (4) For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. (5) I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. (6) I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth." (7) I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. (8) For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. (9) In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. (10) But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. (11) Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, (12) who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, (13) who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. (14) Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name. (15) Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and beautiful habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion are held back from me. (16) For you are our Father, though

Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

(ESV) "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. (2) Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. (3) For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, (4) but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. (5) As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. (6) But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' (7) Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. (8) And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' (9) But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' (10) And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. (11) Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' (12) But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' (13) Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty.**