

MORNING WORSHIP

January 14, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Prelude
Greeting

APPROACHING GOD

(Lord, may your holy name be praised in all the earth!)

- *Call to Worship *(In the bulletin)* **Psalm 2**
- *Prayer of Adoration and Invocation
- *Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #280**
Wondrous King, All-Glorious
- *Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism Q25, 26**

Q25: *Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?*

Answer: *Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.*

Q26: *What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?*

Answer: *That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.*

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.

*He is able to this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

(Lord, forgive us our sins according to your steadfast love.)

- God’s Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1301)* **1 John 2:3-6**
- Prayer of Confession
- God’s Grace in Christ **1 John 2:1-2**
- *Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #25B**

Lord, to You I Lift My Soul

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

(Lord, teach us your Word, that we may walk in your truth.)

- Sermon Text *(p. 1160)* **Acts 4:23-37**
- Sermon “PRAYER, THE SPIRIT, AND THE CHURCH”

RESPONDING TO GOD

(Lord, we gladly give you our praise, our gifts, and our lives.)

- The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
- *Hymn of Response **Trinity Psalter #400**
Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
- Prayer of Intercession

COMMUNING WITH CHRIST

(Lord, form Christ in us so that we would reflect your glory.)

- The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
- *Closing Hymn **Trinity Psalter #570**
Doxology
- *Benediction

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS: *It is a joy to have you join us in fulfilling man’s highest calling, namely the worship of our holy God!*

Psalm 2

SERMON NOTES

¹Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

**³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”**

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**⁶“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

⁷I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son,

**lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.