

MORNING WORSHIP

October 13, 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)* **Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #239**
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Confession of Faith **The Westminster Confession Ch 25 (2-5)**

2. The visible church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

3. Unto this catholic visible church Christ hath given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and doth, by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto.

4. This catholic church hath been sometimes more, sometimes less visible. And particular churches, which are members thereof, are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed more or less purely in them.

5. The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated, as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a church on earth, to worship God according to his will.

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1303)* **1 John 3:4**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **1 John 3:5**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #32B**
How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1174)* **Acts 14:21-15:22a**

Sermon "CHURCHES, NOT JUST CONVERTS"

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 #406**
Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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!*

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.** ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.** ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guaranteed of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory.**