

MORNING WORSHIP

November 3, 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 146**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #146**
Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!

*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism Q46, 47, 50, 51**

Q46: What do you mean by saying, ‘He ascended to heaven’?

Answer: *That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.*

Q47: But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

Answer: *Christ is truly human and truly God.
In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;
but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit
he is not absent from us for a moment.*

Q50: Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

Answer: *Christ ascended to heaven,
there to show that he is the Head of his church,
and that the Father rules all things through him.*

Q51: How does this glory of Christ our Head benefit us?

Answer: *First, through his Holy Spirit
he pours out his gifts from heaven
upon us his members.
Second, by his power
he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God’s Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1146)* **John 14:15; 15:10**

Prayer of Confession

God’s Grace in Christ **Mark 2:16-17**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #456**
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1175)* **Acts 15:1-35**

Sermon “GOSPEL PURITY AND CHURCH UNITY”

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 #459**
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

Deacons’ Offering

*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 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the LORD!