

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 5, 2023 – 10:00 AM

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Prelude  
Greeting

## APPROACHING GOD

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

\*Call to Worship **Psalm 117:1-2**

\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #163**  
*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

\*Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism - Q 60, 61**

### **Q 60: How are you right with God?**

**Answer:** *Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.*

### **Q 61: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?**

**Answer:** *It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.*

\*Congregation Standing

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness (p. 662) **Psalm 139:1-10, 23-24**

Prayer of Confession *(In the bulletin)*

God's Promise of Forgiveness in Christ **Psalm 32:1-5**

\*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.)*

Scripture Reading (p. 1276) **Hebrews 2:5-18**

Sermon Text (p. 1068) **Mark 5:1-20**

Sermon "CHRIST, THE CONQUEROR"

## 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 #286**  
*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Prayer of Intercession

The Deacons' Offering

\*Closing Hymn **Trinity Psalter #570**  
*Doxology*

\*Closing Prayer

**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!*

# Responsive Prayer of Confession

(Based on Psalm 139)

## SERMON NOTES

Almighty God, unto whom all things are open, we set ourselves before you. Where can we go from your Spirit? Where can we flee from your presence? If we ascend to heaven, you are there! If we make our bed with the dead, you are there! If we dwell in the deepest part of the sea, you are there! Darkness and light are alike to you. You observed us before we were born, and in your book all our days were written.

**There is nothing hidden from you. And we take great comfort in this. We are your relentless focus, “the apple of your eye.” For you have numbered the very hairs on our heads.**

Your loving knowledge of us also disquiets our souls. We can fool others (and we do), we can fool ourselves (and we do), but we cannot fool you! Your intimate knowledge of us demands honesty. You have seen our outward sins, which we now confess: our deceptions; our lies; our gossip; our hurtful words; our loveless actions; our “me first” self-focus; our irritability; our anger. Hear our confession of these sins, as it fits our own souls.

**We also confess our inner sins, the attitudes that are contrary to the fruits of the Spirit: our jealousy; our hatred; our malice; and our lust. Hear our confession of these sins, Lord, as it fits our own souls.**

Thank you, merciful Father, that the blood of your Son cleanses us from all sin and that *If we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (I John 1:9).

(*Time of Silent Confession*)