

MORNING WORSHIP

December 1, 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 135:1-7, 13-14**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #214**
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism - Q 27-28**

Q 27: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Answer: *Providence is the almighty and ever-present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty – all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.*

Q 28: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

Answer: *We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1032)* **Matthew 7:21-23**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **Acts 2:36-38**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #307**
All My Heart This Night Rejoices

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1176)* **Acts 16:6-40**

Sermon "HAVING THE RIGHT EXPECTATIONS"

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 #268**
Of the Father's Love Begotten

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 135:1-7, 13-14

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
²who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!

**³Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

**⁴For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.**

⁵For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,
in heaven and on earth,
in the seas and all deeps.

⁷He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of
the earth,
who makes lightnings for the rain
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

**¹³Your name, O Lord, endures forever,
your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.**

**¹⁴For the Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.**