

MORNING WORSHIP

December 8, 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 19:1-11, 14**
- *Prayer of Adoration and Invocation
- *Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #19A (v1, 2, 5-9)**
The Heavens Above Declare
- *Confession of Faith **The Larger Catechism Q159-160**

Q159: How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

Answer: *They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.*

Q160: What is required of those that hear the word preached?

Answer: *It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

- God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1259)* **2 Thess. 1:11-12**
- Prayer of Confession
- God's Grace in Christ **2 Corinthians 8:9**
- *Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #324**
Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

- Sermon Text *(p. 1178)* **Acts 17:1-15**
- Sermon** "THE PREACHER AND THE LISTENER"

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 #320**
As with Gladness Men of Old
- 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 19:1-11, 14

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**²Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

**³There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.**

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

**⁹the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**