

MORNING WORSHIP

February 18, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Prelude
Greeting

APPROACHING GOD

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

*Call to Worship **Psalm 67**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #245**
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism Q 1 & 52**

Q1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q52: How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

Answer: In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

*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 3:11-18**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **1 John 4:9-12**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #338**
When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Scripture Reading (p. 1020) **Malachi 2:17-3:5**

Sermon Text (p. 1296) **1 Peter 4:12-19**

Sermon "ELECT EXILES AND SUFFERING pt. 3"

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 #390**
Christ Is Coming!

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 67

Through your suffering, God is working, refining your faith.

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Don't be surprised

³**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Rejoice in suffering

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Trust God

⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**