

MORNING WORSHIP

March 9, 2025 – 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 84:1-8**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #277**
Before the Throne of God Above

*Confession of Faith **Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45, 49 & 57**

Q. 45: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer: *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.*

Q. 49: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

Answer: *First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.*

Q. 57: How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

Answer: *Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but also my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1031)* **Matthew 6:19-24**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ *(p.637)* **Psalm 103:6-14**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #452**
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Scripture Reading *(p. 1249)* **Philippians 3:12-4:1**

Sermon Text *(p. 1253)* **Colossians 3:1-4**

Sermon "SEEKING THINGS ABOVE"

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 #466**
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Prayer of Intercession

*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!*

Since we have died with Christ, we are able to seek things that are above.

Psalm 84:1-8

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

**⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

**⁷They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.**

**⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**