

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 14, 2024 – 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 *(In the bulletin)* **Psalm 96:1-9**

\*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #210**  
*O God, We Praise Thee*

\*Confession of Faith **Shorter Catechism Q 45-48**

**Q 45: Which is the first commandment?**

**Answer:** *The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

**Q 46: What is required in the first commandment?**

**Answer:** *The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.*

**Q 47: What is forbidden in the first commandment?**

**Answer:** *The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.*

**Q 48: What are we specially taught by these words “before me” in the first commandment?**

**Answer:** *These words “before me” in the first commandment teach us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.*

\*Congregation Standing

## CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God’s Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1305)* **1 John 5:21**

Prayer of Confession

God’s Grace in Christ **Hosea 14:4-8**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #395**  
*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1166)* **Acts 8:9-25**

Sermon “GOD AS A MEANS TO ANOTHER END”

## 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 #480**  
*I Have No Other Comfort*

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 96:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be  
praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless  
idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the  
peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of  
holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!**