

MORNING WORSHIP

April 21, 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 148**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #148B**
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

*Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism Q15-18**

Q 15: *What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?*

Answer: *One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.*

Q 16: *Why must He be a true and righteous man?*

Answer: *He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.*

Q 17: *Why must He at the same time be true God?*

Answer: *He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath, and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.*

Q 18: *But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?*

Answer: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1200)* **Romans 7:21-25**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **Isaiah 53:6-10**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **Trinity Psalter #342**
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1166)* **Acts 8:26-40**

Sermon "THE GOSPEL GOES TO AFRICA"

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 #425**
How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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 148

SERMON NOTES

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

**⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

**¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!**