

MORNING WORSHIP

April 27, 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)* **Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #239**
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism Q1-2**

Q1: *What is your only comfort in life and 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 set me free 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, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q2: *What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?*

Answer: *Three things: First, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 1248)* **Philippians 2:1-5**

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ **Philippians 2:5-11**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **(Bulletin Insert)**
If Any Comfort from God's Love

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1240)* **Galatians 6:14**

Sermon "TO GLORY IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST"

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 #350**
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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!*

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.** ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.** ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guaranteed of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory.**