MORNING WORSHIP

May 4, 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 148

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn

Trinity Psalter #248

All Creatures of Our God and King

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism-Q 60-61

Q 60: How are you right with God?

Answer: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Q 61: Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

Answer: It is not because of any value my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness

(p. 582) Psalm 24:3-5

Prayer of Confession

God's Grace in Christ

Titus 3:3-7

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Psalter #463

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text

(p. 1239) Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon

"CULTIVATING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"

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 #400

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

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

The Deacons Offering

*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!

^{*}Congregation Standing

Psalm 148

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!

SERMON NOTES