

MORNING WORSHIP

February 25, 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 146**

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Opening Hymn **Trinity Psalter #146**
Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!

*Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

*Congregation Standing

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

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

God's Standard of Righteousness *(p. 218)* **Deut. 30:15-20**

Prayer of Confession

God's Promise of Forgiveness in Christ **Psalm 103:8-12**

*Hymn of Thanksgiving **(Bulletin Insert)**
Psalm 103 – Praise God My Soul

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

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

Sermon Text *(p. 1163)* **Acts 6:8 – 7:60**

Sermon "STEPHEN'S MESSAGE"

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 #452**
Rock of Ages, Cleft for 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

*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 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the LORD!