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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 14, 2021, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.

Welcome

Prelude

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Call to Worship

From Psalm 99

Minister: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Minister: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Pew Bible, page 722

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way. You have graciously gathered us together like lambs. Your rod and staff have comforted us. You have caused us to lie down in green pastures beside still waters and have defended us from more and greater dangers than we know.

Our weekly prayers of adoration are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, which was compiled by Thomas Cranmer and others, and was first issued in 1549.

But we have ignored your voice and distrusted your provision. We buck and bite and kick and have pushed others aside. Forgive us for our stiff necks, stubborn ways, and selfish attitudes, and lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of your Son, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

God promises to forgive all who repent of their sin and trust Christ alone to save. Worship moves from confession to joyful affirmations of faith and attentive hearing of God's Word because we know God is not angry or disappointed with us. Our sin-debt has been paid in full in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Minister: Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.

Unison: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

✠ **Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



RENEWING OUR FAITH

† Affirmation of Faith

The Belgic Confession
Article 30, "The Government of the Church"

Unison: We believe that this true Church must be governed according to the spiritual order which our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments; there should also be elders and deacons who, together with the pastors, form the council of the Church. By these means they preserve the true religion; they see to it that the true doctrine takes its course, that evil men are disciplined in a spiritual way, and are restrained, and also that the poor and all the afflicted are helped and comforted according to their need. By these means everything will be done well, and in good order, when faithful men are chosen in agreement with the rule that the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy.

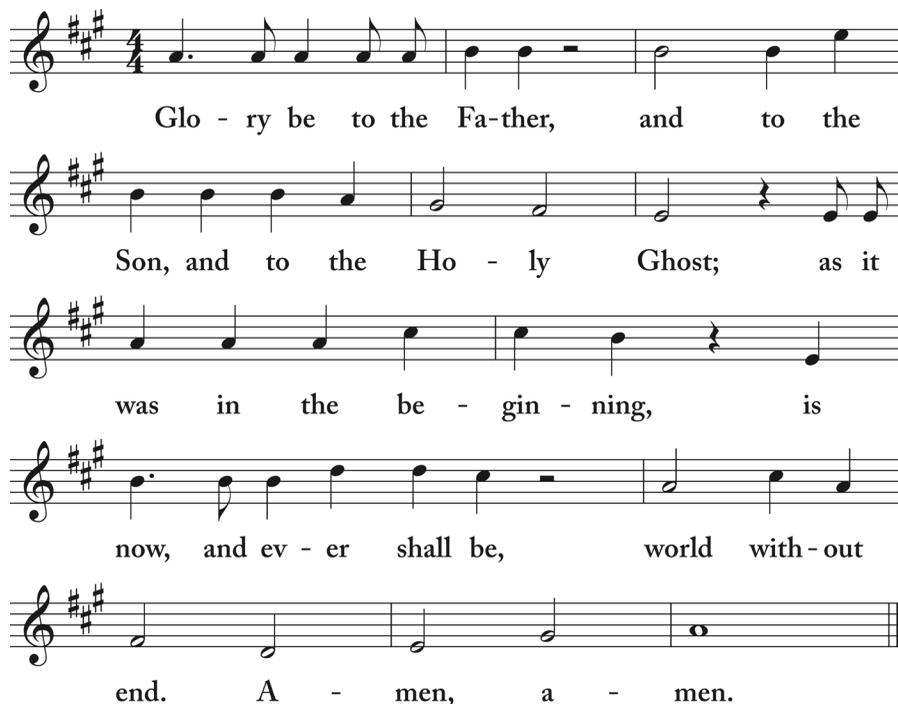
Unison: Thanks be to God!

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.

† Gloria #734

Gloria Patri

MEINEKE



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, a - men.

† New Testament Lesson

I Peter 5:1-14

Pew Bible, page 1016

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Dan Thompson

Stand Firm in God's Grace

† Hymn of Consecration
Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #184

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Alt. Tune: ST. COLUMBA

Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons

Questions for the Officers

Questions for the Congregation

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Right Hand of Fellowship

Charge

Ordination is a public act of setting men apart for a particular ministry. The vows taken by elders and deacons as they are ordained obligate them to service. Some of the most essential work of the church is carried out through men who commit themselves to these offices and lead the church in the ministries of word and deed.



† Hymn of Response
Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #599

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
SHEPHERD

Giving to God & Offertory

Bless the Lord, All Nations
Based on Psalm 117
Musical Setting by Antonio Caldara

*Bless the Lord, all nations,
And come before him with a song,
With gladness, oh, praise the Lord,
Oh, praise the Lord!*

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!" (Psalm 96:8).

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www.stpaulsorlando.com/give.

† Doxology #732

TALLIS' CANON



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

*With God's blessing upon us,
we are sent forth to practice
the faith we profess.*

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

ST. LEONARDS

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

O God Beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beaut - y and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is,
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed,
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill

whose good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack
my ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver -
but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul -
with thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff

if I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
dant pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
der gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
my com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth.

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;



in thy plea - sant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 though hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:



bles-sed Je - sus, bles-sed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 bles-sed Je - sus, bles-sed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 bles-sed Je - sus, bles-sed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
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May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery-thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,



by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.



Stand Firm in God's Grace

1 Peter 5: 1-14 | Rev. Dan Thompson

The Big Idea: What Peter says to elders is given in the context of a call to remain steadfast in the face of opposition and persecution. The Church needs shepherds who faithfully bear witness to the sufferings of Christ and who live in hope of the glory that is going to be revealed when Jesus returns, and all the more in times of hostility toward the Church. To stand firm in our faith, we need confident hope in God's promises.

i. Shepherds and Sheep

ii A Brotherhood United in Faith, Hope, and Love

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

- **Sunday, November 14** 2 Chronicles 7; Micah 4
- **Monday, November 15** 1 John 3; Micah 5; John 6
- **Tuesday, November 16** 2 Chronicles 8
- **Wednesday, November 17** 2 Chronicles 9; 1 John 4; Micah 6
- **Thursday, November 18** 1 John 5; Micah 7
- **Friday, November 19** 2 Chronicles 10; John 7
- **Saturday, November 20** 2 Chronicles 11; 2 John; Nahum 1
- **Sunday, November 21** 2 Chronicles 12; 3 John; Nahum 2

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. How might Peter's words to the elders of these local churches to be "examples to the flock" be understood in light of the pressures Christians in the first century Roman world were facing? What temptations would these elders have faced? What kind of example was needed?
2. Why is humility needed in times of suffering and hardship? In what ways might you need to grow in humility as our culture becomes increasingly unfriendly to Christianity?
3. How does "knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world" encourage you to resist "your adversary the devil" and "stand firm in your faith"?
4. How does confidence that Christ "will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish" us, and that he has "dominion forever and ever" shape the way we respond to the world around us?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

"Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established." (Deuteronomy 19:15)

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: Why do we pray the Prayer of Adoration together every week rather than having a pastor pray for us?

Answer: Worshipers are not spectators at an event, but participants who join their voices together to express praise and adoration to God. *“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Romans 15:5-6). Worship is a dialogue: God calls us to worship, and we respond in prayer and praise.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the Glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

Worship that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

Discipleship that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

Community that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

Local Missions that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

Global Missions that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth

Children's Ministry that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

Youth Ministry that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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