

God, the LORD, is my
strength; he makes my
feet like the deers; he
makes me tread on my
high places.

Habbakuk 3:19



CHRIST
CHURCH

May 25, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings:
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too:
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear,
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice,
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

- William Cowper (1779)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Romans 8:18-31

Elder Mark Jurries

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

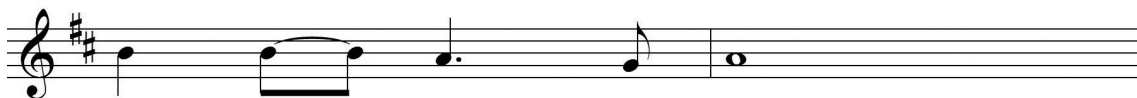
What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

* *As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom



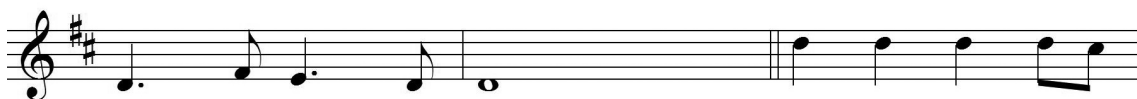
1. As the deer pan - teth for the wa - ter, so my
2. I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
3. You're my friend and you are my bro - ther, e - ven



soul long - eth af - - - ter you;
you can sat - - - is - fy;
though you are a king;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I
you a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the
I love you more than an - y oth - er, so much



long to wor - ship you.
ap - ple of my eye. You a - lone are my
more than an - y - thing!



strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you!

** You Are My All in All*

Dennis Jernigan



1. You are my strength when I am
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my



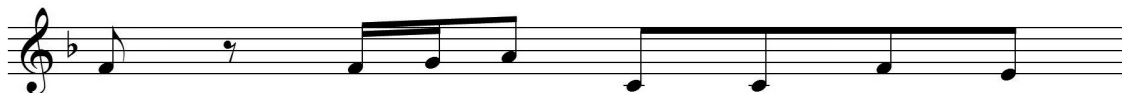
weak, shame, You are the treas - ure that I
ris - ing a - gain, I bless Your



seek, You are my all in all;
name, You are my all in all;



seek - ing You as a pre - cious
when I fall down, You pick me



jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a
up, when I am dry, You fill my



fool, You are my all in all.
cup, You are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name; Je - sus,



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name.

*** Trinity Song**

Parts 1 & 2 can be sung at the same time.

by Sandra McCracken

Part 1



Ho - ly__ Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun - ion,



Three in One. Ho - ly__ Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun-ion,

Part 2



Three in One. Come with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion.



Bind us to-geth - er in ho - ly__ love. Come with your peace, with your



in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to-geth - er in ho - ly__ love.

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*** Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Luke 12:27-31

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Baptism 9:00

Lucía Christiana Tenney, covenant daughter of David & Keeley

9:00 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:00 service Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.

*** A Mighty Fortress**

Trinity Hymnal 92

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Habakkuk 3

¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,
according to Shigionoth.

² O LORD, I have heard the report of you,
and your work, O LORD, do I fear.
In the midst of the years revive it;
in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember mercy.

³ God came from Teman,
and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*
His splendor covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of his praise.

⁴ His brightness was like the light;
rays flashed from his hand;
and there he veiled his power.

⁵ Before him went pestilence,
and plague followed at his heels.

⁶ He stood and measured the earth;
he looked and shook the nations;
then the eternal mountains were scattered;
the everlasting hills sank low.
His were the everlasting ways.

⁷ I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your indignation against the sea,
when you rode on your horses,
on your chariot of salvation?

⁹ You stripped the sheath from your bow,
calling for many arrows. *Selah*
You split the earth with rivers.

¹⁰ The mountains saw you and writhed;
the raging waters swept on;
the deep gave forth its voice;

it lifted its hands on high.

¹¹ The sun and moon stood still in their place
at the light of your arrows as they sped,
at the flash of your glittering spear.

¹² You marched through the earth in fury;
you threshed the nations in anger.

¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people,
for the salvation of your anointed.
You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah*

¹⁴ You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors,
who came like a whirlwind to scatter me,
rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

¹⁵ You trampled the sea with your horses,
the surging of mighty waters.

¹⁶ I hear, and my body trembles;
my lips quiver at the sound;
rottenness enters into my bones;
my legs tremble beneath me.
Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble
to come upon people who invade us.

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Yet

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

An Indelible Process

An Unassailable Past

An Indescribable Peace

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Psalm 40: Wait for the Lord

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

Deacon Benny Sharp (9 am)
Deacon Paul Lammers (11 am)

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory *Spirit of the Living God*

arr. Susan Guerra

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

*** Gloria Patri**

Trinity Hymnal 735

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

*** It Is So**

by Aaron Lindsey & William McDowell

(all.) A-men, a - men, a - men, a - men, it is so,
(men.)

it is so. A-men, a - men, a - men, a -

men, it is so, it is so.



1. He has saved us, he has re - deemed us; he will
2. He's the Al pha and the O - me - ga, the be -



hear us when we call, and when af -
gin - ning, and the end. And all God's



flic - tions come on the right - eous he will sus -
prom - is - es made in Je - sus are _____



tain _____ us through _____ them
yes _____ and _____ a -

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* Postlude

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