



July 6, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to Worship

Psalm 48:12-14

Elder Dan Churchwell

Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,
consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.

*** *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (based on Psalm 46)***

Trinity Hymnal 40

*** Invocation**

** Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Psalm 42: My Help, My God

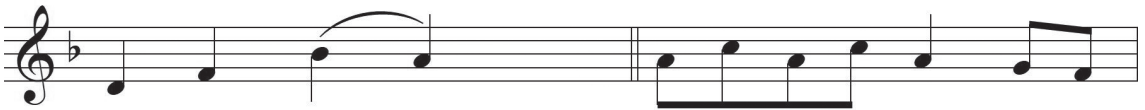
by Sandra McCracken



1. Why are you so full of hea - vi - ness?
2. As the deer longs for the wa - ter brooks,
3. Deep calls un - to deep like o - cean waves;
4. I will say un - to my God, my strength,
5. Yah - weh grants his kind - ness in the day;



Why are you dis - qui - et - ed with - in, O, my soul,
so my soul it longs, it thirsts for you, O, my God,
all you floods and ra - pids on me break. O, my soul,
"How is it you have for - got - ten me?" O, how long?
through the night his song, it is with me. O, my soul,



O, my soul? _____ to Vs 2
O, my God! _____ to Chorus
O, my soul. _____ to Vs 4
O, how long? _____ to Chorus
O, my soul. _____ to Chorus

Put your trust in God, I will



yet give thanks to him; put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him.



Put your trust in God, I will yet give thanks to him: my help, my God.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Baptisms

9:00 service	Margaret Lois Heemskerk, covenant daughter of Brandyn & Katie
11:00 service	Elias Prem Fitch, covenant son of David & Sarah

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.*

*** Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

Trinity Hymnal 415

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading**

Psalm 53

- ¹ The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity;
there is none who does good.
- ² God looks down from heaven
on the children of man
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.
- ³ They have all fallen away;
together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.
- ⁴ Have those who work evil no knowledge,
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon God?
- ⁵ There they are, in great terror,
where there is no terror!
For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you;
you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.
- ⁶ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon The Fool

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

What is Foolishness?

Who are the Fools?

How Might Their Story End?

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

** Let All Things Now Living*

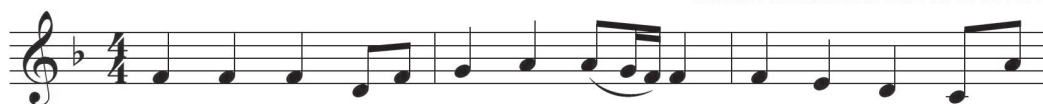
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Invitation to the Lord's Table *The bread served is gluten free. Rows will be dismissed to walk forward.*

We Will Feast

congregation

Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - ge - ther.



We will feast and weep no more.

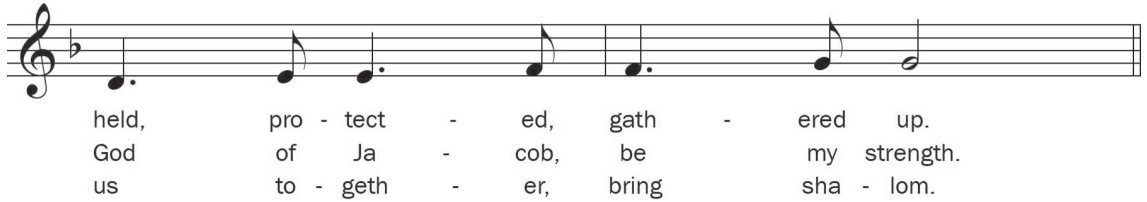
1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



burned - by the fire. He is the Lord our
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the flood. Up -
fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, O how long? O
One. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind



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Prayer of Thanksgiving spoken together

You, Christ, are the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and we give you glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

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

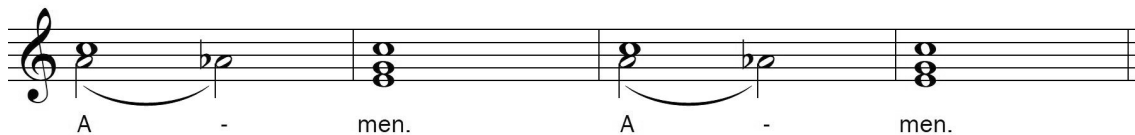
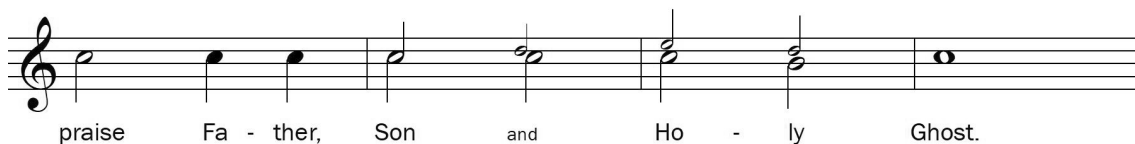
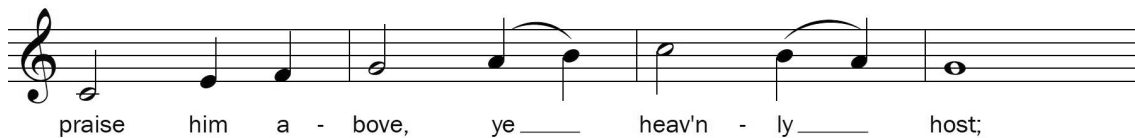
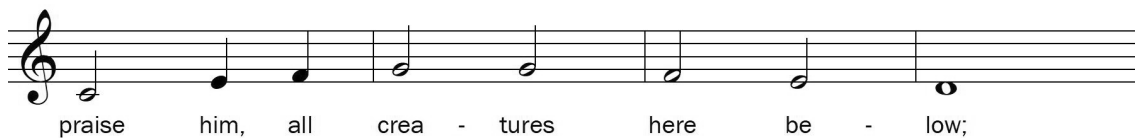
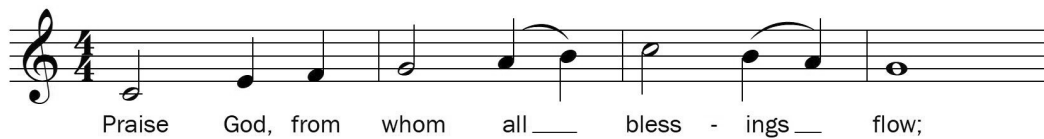
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Offertory *Psalms 14*

by Poor Bishop Hooper

The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man
To see if there are any who truly understand, who truly understand
Only fools say in their hearts,
“There is no God, there is no God.”
Who will come from Zion
To rescue his own?
You will come from Zion
And we will rejoice
On the coming day the righteous say,
“He is our God, He is our God.”

** New Doxology*



* Benediction

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

* *And All the People Said Amen!*

And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”

* Postlude

Worship musicians

Marguerite Duemler, singer
Margaret Yasugi, violin
Jaci Yasugi, violin
Esther Ratajeski, violin (11:00)
Theo Yasugi, cello
Rob LaPlaca, guitar
Susan Guerra, piano
Rebekah LaPlaca, cajon