

SAINT DAVID'S

REFORMED CHURCH

The Lord's Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023

"Let the peoples praise you, O God."

Welcome visitors!

If you're visiting with us today, please take note of the following items.

Liturgy: At Saint David's, our worship is based on heavenly worship as depicted in Scripture. This is how the universal church has worshiped historically. Everyone has a part to play in worship, so we encourage you to participate by following along in your bulletin.

The Lord's Supper: We celebrate the Lord's Supper ("communion" or "the eucharist") every week, which is the eating of bread and drinking of wine. All faithful, baptized trinitarians (including children) are invited to partake with us.

Nursery: We encourage all of God's people to worship together as one body of Christ (adults and children), so we do not provide Children's Church during worship. However, a nursery room is available if your child becomes restless. It is located in the Community Center library. At the back of the sanctuary: walk down the steps, follow the hallway, and turn left. Audio-feed is available.

Sunday School: Immediately after worship, there will be a brief time for fellowship, then a Sunday School class (all ages) will be held in the sanctuary. Sunday School is an informal time where we have Q&A and biblical or topical lessons.

Fellowship lunch: On the second Sunday of every month, after Sunday School, we share a potluck meal together.

Singing and Prayer: On the last Sunday of every month, instead of Sunday School we have a singing and prayer service. This is a time for us to practice singing and learn new songs, as well as share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Restrooms: Restrooms (with changing stations) are located in the hallway entrance near the back parking lot.

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Hymn ~ *Instrumental* ~ Page 372 [meditate silently]

Call to Worship: Psalm 67 (vv. 3-7)

*Hymn ~ *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* ~ Page 139

*Salutations and Prayer

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 124:8

*Prayer of Adoration

*Gloria in excelsis ~ Page 396

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

Glory be to God on high!

And on earth: peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

We glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory;

O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost

Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Confession and Absolution [kneel forward]

Purification offering

Most merciful God, *we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

*...I therefore declare that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

*Please stand

*Sursum Corda and Proper Preface

Ascension offering

Lift up your hearts

We are lifting them up to the Lord!

Hebrews 10:22

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is proper and right to do so!

Psalm 92:1

...We laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing...

*Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, Revelation 4:8

unison

fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are

full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Hymn ~ O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly ~ Page 92

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalms 27 (vv. 1-9)

Yahweh is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

Yahweh is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of Yahweh, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of Yahweh,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter,
in the day of trouble.

He will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up,
above my enemies all around me;
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to Yahweh.

Hear, O Yahweh, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you, "Your face, Yahweh, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Epistle: Philippians 1:19-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

***Corporate Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (A.D. 381)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon: Pastor Adam McIntosh

Tithes and Offerings

Tribute offering

[come forward to place your gift in the offering bag]

Hymn ~ *O Worship the King* ~ Page 321

***Prayers of God's People**

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Lord's Supper

Peace offering

[partake as you receive each element]

Words of Institution/Thanksgiving for Bread

Hymn ~ *Lead On, O King Eternal* ~ Page 312

Words of Institution/Thanksgiving for Wine

Hymn ~ *In Christ Alone* (insert)

*Doxology ~ Page 437 [hands raised]

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dismissal and Benediction

Nunc Dimittis ~ Page 428

Luke 2:29-32

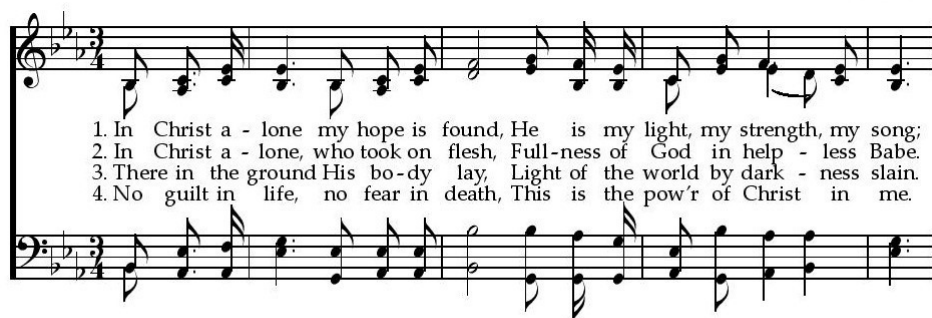
*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared, before the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you his peace, both now and forevermore.

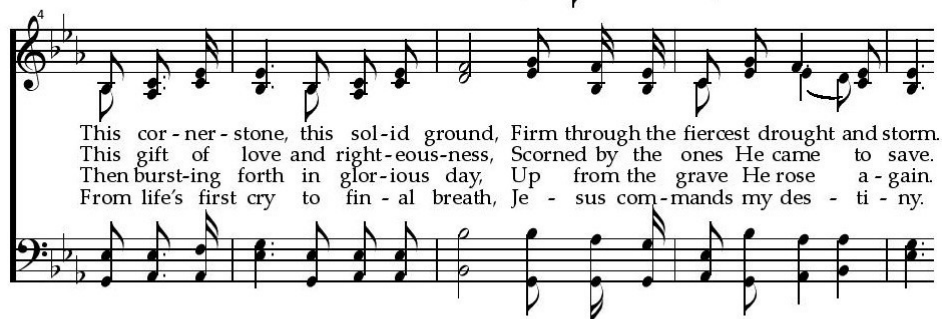
Amen!

Numbers 6:24-26

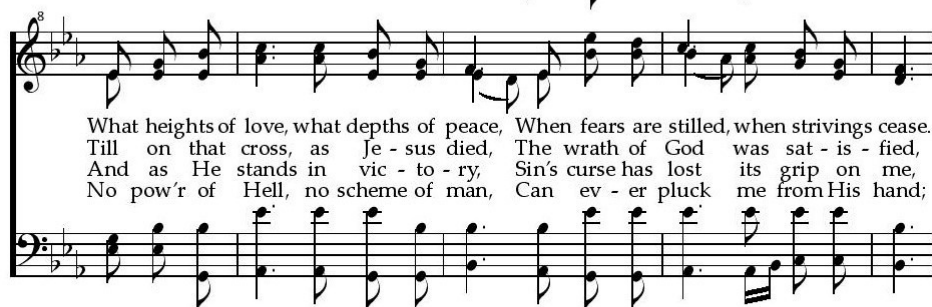
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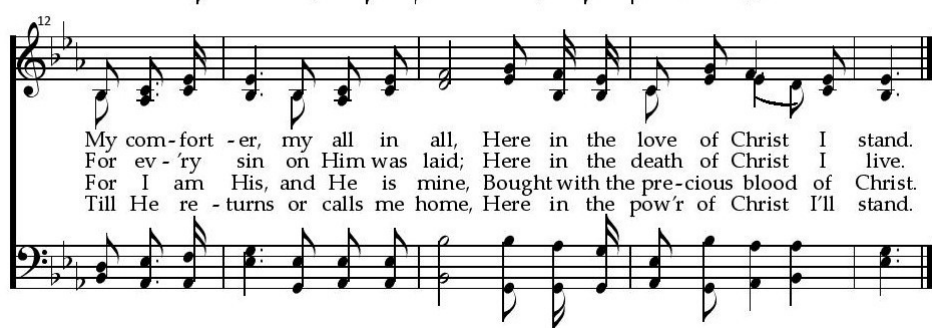
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less Babe.
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain.
From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied,
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of Hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - fort - er, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Till He re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.