

# *Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship*

*Sunday August 3rd 2025*

*11:00am*

## *God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence*

**The Prayer of Preparation** *(for individual use before worship)*

*Almighty God, draw forth from us the praise that is Your due and, in all things, make us Your willing servants. Amen.*

**The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace**

*The peace of our Lord be with you!*

***And also with you!***

**The Trinity Chime, the Choral Introit, and Prelude**

**\*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** *from Psalm 5:7,11-12*

People of God, lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

By Your great love, O God, we may come into Your house, and bow down in reverence at Your holy temple!

**You bless the righteous, and spread Your protection over them: that those who love Your name may rejoice in You. Let all who take refuge in You sing for joy!**

**\*The Opening Hymn** #386 *"Come, Worship God"*

## *God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us*

**The Confession of Our Sins**

**Most holy and merciful Father, to gaze upon Your holy glory is to see the greatness of our sin reflected back at us. We confess that we have sinned and we are sinners. We have not kept Your commandments, and have refused to walk in Your ways. We have stubbornly resisted Your call, and have been slow to love our neighbor. O Lord, our sin is great and so is our sorrow; but You have promised mercy through Your Son Jesus Christ. Look upon us with**

**compassion, and heal our sinful hearts. Lead us from all that leads from You, and give us peace, through Him whose blood has washed away our sins...***(continue in silent confession)*

**The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness** *from Matthew 11:28-30*

"Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." **In Christ, we are forgiven! In Christ, we are made new! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**\*The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri*

**\*The Affirmation of our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (back of hymnal)*

**The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes**

**\*The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology*

**\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

## *God Speaks and Seals His Promises in Word and Sacrament*

**The Scripture Lesson** *Matthew 16:13-20*

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**The Sermon** *"Matthew (67): The King's Confessing Church"*

**\*The Hymn of Response** #630 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** *Table Song #673 "Jesus, Light of Joy" (v. 1,3)*

## *God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ*

**\*The Closing Hymn** #702 *"Christ, Be Beside Me"*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Benediction** #542 *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" (v. 1)*  
**God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you, with a shep-herd's care en-fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.**