

# OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

*† Pastor*: Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

## Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Psalm 111:1-4

Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

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 have forgiven 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.

**† Congregational Singing** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus—264

# OUR LORD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

They stand this day according to Your ordinances, for all things are Your servants.

If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have revived me.

I am Yours, save me; for I have sought Your precepts.

The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.

I have seen a limit to all perfection; Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Psalm 119:89-96

AN INVITATION TO CONFESS OUR SINS:

# **‡** CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, because we have sinned in many ways, we seek Your pardon. Forgive us for being slow to confess our sins. Forgive us our pride which readily seeks out reasons why our sins are acceptable. Forgive us for our pride which readily condemns the sins we see in others; including our family and closest neighbors. Forgive us for the pride we take in our own words, and for leaning on our own understanding; and forgive us for not relying on Your Word and seeking Your wisdom. Hear us and be merciful. According to Your great love, pardon us and grant us renewal by Your Holy Spirit. Continue in Your patience as we continue in prayer, confessing these sins...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God-415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared "In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit" "Thanks be to God!"

<sup>†</sup> CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: All People That on Earth Do Dwell [Psalm 100]—139



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

# OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from the Old Testament Exodus 36:20-38 Scripture Lesson from the Epistles Galatians 5:1-12

"This is the Word of the Lord" "Thanks be to God!"

**† Gospel Lesson**—Luke 15:11-24

"This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ" "Praise be to Christ!"

+ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: Gloria Patri-436

Sermon Text Luke 15:25-32

Sermon The Welcoming Father Pastor Jeff Niell

+ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: I Bind unto Myself Today-349-351 (vv.1-5)

## IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

**†** CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology* As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

# OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

Let us Confess our Faith—The Love of God Displayed in Christ Jesus 1 John 3:1; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:3-7

*† Pastor:* Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love, He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace...

# In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: I Bind unto Myself Today-350-352 (vv. 6-9)

# OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

Lead On, O King Eternal [KINGS LYNN], verse 3

Lead on, O King eternal: We follow not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning Where're Thy face appears: Thy cross is lifted o're us; We journey in its light; The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

# TODAY

**Forum** – After worship today, all are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an informal time of fellowship and Q & A regarding our church, the service, and/or the sermon. Coffee will be available. We'll finish no later than 1:30 p.m. with some quick cleanup.

# THIS WEEK

**Wednesday Bible Study – Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. –** Pastor Jeffery will continue our Bible Study series titled *Exploring Eschatology*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (bring your own food and drink if you wish); study starts promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will end around 8:15 with fellowship and clean up done by 8:30 p.m.

### Men's Discipleship Breakfast – Saturday March 25th, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Our men's discipleship breakfasts are a great opportunity for the men of the church to get together for fellowship, teaching, encouragement, and to challenge one another to strive for growth in godliness and maturity. All men, old and young, are encouraged to attend.



# Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 2nd (Palm Sunday)

This meeting is for members only and will take place shortly after worship for the purpose of updating the congregation on matters financial, organizational, and strategic. We'll discuss our 2023 ministry focus, special initiatives, and financial forecast. Kindly plan to attend this important meeting and be praying in advance as we seek the Lord's wisdom in how best to honor Him with the many blessings before us.

Good Friday Service – April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Feast – Sunday, April 9th, immediately after our Easter Worship Service. Details to follow.

Summer Sanctus XVI – June 12-15. For campers ages 13-18. Register now at www.summersanctus.org.



The season of Lent is a forty-day period beginning with Ash Wednesday (7 Wednesdays before Easter), and concludes with Easter Sunday. Lent is commonly observed as a season of repentance and reflection, usually marked by renewed discipline and devotion to the Savior, and always anticipating the joyful celebration of the resurrection; Jesus' victory over death. The forty days of Lent do not include the Sundays because Sundays always commemorate the resurrection. During Lent, some Churches follow a tradition of reading from the so-called "seven penitential Psalms" (Psalm 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143). The final week of Lent includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The color for Lent is purple.

# The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus



# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704 adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

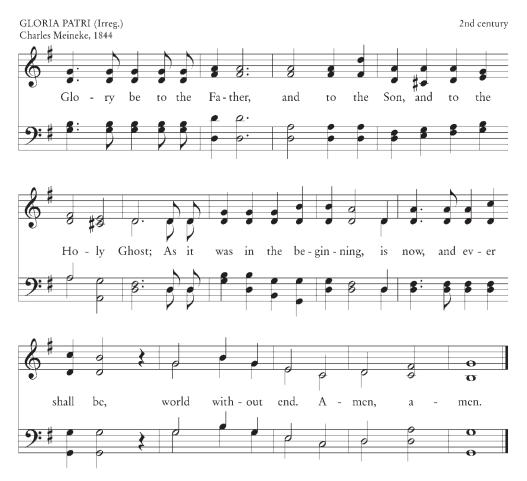


# All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Psalm 100

Gloria Patri





# I Bind unto Myself Today

St. Patrick's Breastplate





Doxology to either part

