

## PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Prayer* (Psalm 5:3)/ D. Wagner

*Voluntary on "Lauda Anima"* (hymn 76)/ R. Lau

## WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 98 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

People: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

People: **Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

IN PRAYER

### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 457

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from Psalm 89 (NIV)

Leader: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;

People: **With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

Leader: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

People: **The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Leader: For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

People: **In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.**

Leader: You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

People: **The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

People: **Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

Leader: They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.

People: **For you are their glory and strength. Praise be to the LORD forever!**

### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. Psalm 34: 8-9 (NIV)

### WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

### WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Shepherd*/ R. Summers

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

- <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> You sweep men away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning:
- <sup>6</sup> through the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.
- <sup>7</sup> We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
- <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- <sup>9</sup> All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.
- <sup>10</sup> The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- <sup>11</sup> Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
- <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.
- <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.
- <sup>16</sup> May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
- <sup>17</sup> May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands.

SERMON

*The Wisest Way to Number Your Days*  
summer series in the Psalms  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **30**  
\*WORDS OF PEACE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
POSTLUDE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Voluntary on “Lobe Den Herren”/D. Cherwien*