

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies/ arr. L. Bergquist
*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
'May Jesus Christ be praised!'*

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

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WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7a (NIV)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him
with music and song. For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

People: **For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own,
but belong— body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred
tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27: 4-5 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *This Little Light of Mine/* arr. W. Smith

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27 (NIV)

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tabernacle
and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.
¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
breathing out violence.
¹³ I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

SERMON

Confidence in the Midst of Crisis
summer series in the Psalms
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **699**

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Like a River Glorious

Lead On, O King Eternal/ arr. T. Smith