

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

*Fuga/ A. Scarlatti
Come, Thou Almighty King/ arr. L. Smith*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 57:7-11 (NIV)

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.

People: **Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.**

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 69 & 72

Leader: How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

People: **In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.**

Leader: Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

People: **No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. Psalm 145:3-5 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *O Send Thy Light Forth/* arr. C. Callahan

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SERMON

The Family Sign
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 599

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Magnify the Lord/ C. Nordman

SERMON NOTES: