

# Lord's Day Morning Worship Service

April 12, 2026; 11:00 a.m.

*When the music begins, please refrain from conversation and prepare for the worship service.*

*Greeting and Welcome; Announcements*

## Approaching God

- ▲ Call to Worship & Response **Psalm 63:3–5**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

People: **So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with fat & rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.**

- ▲ Salutation

- ▲ Doxology **Trinity Hymnal 100 (vs. 4)**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

- ▲ Prayer of Invocation

- ▲ *Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise* **Psalter Hymnal 96**

- ▲ Confession of Sin (*Unison*) **Psalm 119:36–37**

**Incline my heart to your testimonies,  
and not to selfish gain!  
Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;  
and give me life in your ways. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Old Testament Scripture **Joshua 7:16–26**

Pastoral Prayer

▲ *Indicates standing, as able.*

*Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version (ESV)*

## Giving Attention to God's Word

- ▲ *Cast Down, O God the Idols* **Psalter Hymnal 467**

New Testament Scripture **Mark 8:27–9:1**

Sermon **CROSS-BEARING** **Mark 8:34–38**

Theme: Why denial of self is crucial in following Jesus

1. The necessity for it (vs. 34)
2. The wisdom of it (vs. 35–37)
3. The alternative to it (vs. 38)

## Responding to God's Word

- ▲ *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* **Psalter Hymnal 513**

- ▲ Confession of Faith **Philippians 3:8–9**

Leader: What is Paul's testimony regarding his own choice?

People: **Whatever gain I had,  
I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.  
Indeed, I count everything as loss  
because of the surpassing worth  
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all  
things and count them as rubbish,  
in order that I may gain Christ.**

- ▲ *Gloria Patri* **Trinity Hymnal 735**

Giving & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

- ▲ Benediction **2 Corinthians 13:14**

- ▲ Doxology **Psalter Hymnal 356 (vs. 5)**

**"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising;  
"Alleluia!" yet again, to the Spirit raising.**

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**Next Lord's Day (AM Pastor Mitch, PM Pastor Tom)**

Morning Sermon **THE GRAIN OF WHEAT** (John 12:20–26)

Evening Sermon **SAVED TO SERVE** (Acts 28:1–10)