

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 28:10-15 (p. 27, pew Bible)

John 1:43-51 (p. 1054, pew Bible)

**Sermon**

*Thankful for Christ's Coming Down and Going Up*

**Prayer of Application**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*  
# 521 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]  
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**\* Benediction**

**\* Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

\*Please stand if able

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**LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**December 1, 2024**



**GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Prelude** *A time to be quiet and prepare for holy worship.*  
*When the music begins, please take your seats.*

**Silent Reflection**

**Salutation and Call to Worship**

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**\* Opening Hymn**

*Our God Our Help in Ages Past*  
# 30 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-4, 7)

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

7 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.\*\*

**\* Invocation** (concluding with the 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 forgive 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.

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**God's Law**

Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 9 pew Bible)

**Our Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

Genesis 15:12-14(p 13 pew Bible)

Genesis 28:15 (p 27 pew Bible)

**\* Song of Response**

*How Deep The Father's Love for Us*  
# 1 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

1 How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory  
2 Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished  
3 I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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**We Petition God**

Congregational Prayer

**Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Now Unto Him Who Is Able*  
# 28 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

Now unto Him who is able To keep you from falling  
And to make you stand in His presence Blameless and with great joy  
To the only God our Savior Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Be the glory and the majesty Dominion and authority  
Both now and ever amen

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**\* Gloria Patri**

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

**GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

**\* Hymn of Preparation**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
# 94 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-4, 6)

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.  
4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.  
6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."\*\*

**We Confess Our Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A # 54:

**Q:** What do you believe concerning the "holy catholic church" ?

**A:** I believe that the Son of God through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

(Genesis Gen. 26:4): And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

(Genesis 28:3): And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people.