

## Christ Proclaimed As “Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36 & 4:13)

- I. By Peter? (Luke 22:31-34; 22:61-62; John 21:15-17 & Acts 4:13)
- II. Because Christ’s Word Prevails for Our Sakes (John 17:12 & 18:9)
- III. So That Spirit Gives The Word Prevailing Power (Acts 2:36-41)

**CONTEXT:** There were high hopes around Pentecost as Israel of old hoped that God was going to provide for His people by sending the Messiah, and ushering in a new period of fruitfulness through His Spirit. God did this when He sent His Spirit on this special day – beyond the highest of expectations of holy Jews in Jerusalem at that time! They gather together in amazement in Acts 2:12, asking each other, “What does this mean?” This is indeed the right question to ask, and it should be answered as follows:

- 1) These tongues were multiple, intelligible tongues from every nation under heaven. Though unknown to the speakers, they were understood by the crowds of pilgrims from all the nationalities listed in Acts 2:5-12.
- 2) These tongues were for the days of the Apostles, when prophecy, miraculous signs and wonders were done to attest to the Gospel message which the Twelve preached in Jesus’ name. When the witness and teaching of the Apostles ceased, and the Scriptures they wrote were added to the Old Testament, the canon was closed and tongues along with prophecy ceased being God’s mode of revelation.
- 3) These tongues were a sign to unbelievers showing the power of God – while at the same time rebuking unbelievers – even as Isaiah 28:11-12 predicted: “Through men of strange tongues and through the lips of foreigners I will speak to this people, but even then they (Israel) will not listen to me.”
- 4) These tongues brought a unified understanding of Jesus Christ to the nations, even as missions today bring the Gospel in many tongues. This represents God’s reversing the curse of confused languages at the tower of Babel ... just as the Cross reversed the curse of sin’s guilt and bondage. Beginning on the day of Pentecost, the old order of a *fractured creation, suffering from an unreconciled relationship with the Creator*, would be reversed! Christ is now “Lord and Christ” over the whole world!

## MORNING WORSHIP

May 24, 2026



### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

**Prelude**

**Announcements & Silent Reflection**

**Salutation & Call to Worship**

Psalm 133 (p 615 pew Bible)

### GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

**\* Opening Song**

*Mercies Anew*

# 12 Covenant Praises (all verses)

1 Ev’ry morning that breaks There are mercies anew  
Ev’ry breath that I take Is Your faithfulness proved  
And at the end of each day When my labors are through  
I will sing of Your mercies anew

2 When I’ve fallen and strayed There were mercies anew  
For You sought me in love And my heart You pursued  
In the face of my sin Lord You never withdrew  
I will sing of Your mercies anew

**Bridge**

And Your mercies they will never end For ten thousand years they remain  
And when this world’s beauty has passed away Your mercies will be unchanged

3 And when the storms swirl and rage There are mercies anew  
In affliction and pain You will carry me through  
And at the end of my days When Your throne fills my view  
I will sing of Your mercies anew

**Ending**

I will sing of Your mercies anew

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**Invocation & Reading of God’s Law**

Acts 2:1-13 (p 1081 pew Bible)

**Confession of Sin**

Acts 2:36-40 (p 1081 pew Bible)

**Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 59:21 (p 736 pew Bible)

**We Petition God**

Congregational Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:14-40 & 4:13 (p 1081, 1084 pew Bible)

**Offering & Hymn**  
*Be?*

*Depth of Mercy, Can There*

**Sermon Text**

Acts 2:36

# 7 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

**Sermon**

Christ Now Proclaimed As “Lord and Christ”

1 Depth of mercy can there be Mercy reaching even me  
God the just His wrath forbears Me the chief of sinners spares  
So many times my heart has strayed From His kind and perfect ways  
Making clear my desp'rate need For His blood poured out for me

2 Give me grace Lord let me own All the wrongs that I have done  
Let me now my sins deplore Look to You and sin no more  
There for me the Savior stands Holding forth His wounded hands  
Scars which ever cry for me Once condemned but now set free

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**Prayer of Application**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
#508 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.\*\*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

\* Please stand if able

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**\* Gloria Patri**

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

**GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

**Prayer For Illumination**

Hebrews 4:12 (p 1189 pew Bible)

**\* Hymn of Preparation**

*Approach, My Soul, The Mercy Seat*  
# 507 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Approach, my soul, the mercy seat, where Jesus answers prayer;  
there humbly fall before his feet, for none can perish there.

2 Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh:  
thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.

3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed,  
by war without, and fears within, I come to thee for rest.

4 Be thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him thou hast died.

5 O wondrous love! to bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame,  
that guilty sinners, such as I, might plead thy gracious name!\*\*

**\* Prayer For Illumination**

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