

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

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Elements of Reformed Worship*

Call to Worship: God calls us to worship him. He summons us into his presence and we gladly obey his command to glorify his holy name.

Invocation: As we enter into the presence of God, we call upon his name, the Name of the One who delivers us from our sin and who promises us eternal life in Christ.

The Law, Our Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon: We need assurance that God will not hold our sin against us, but truly forgive us for the sake of Christ! Here we're reassured that all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. God's Law drives us graciously to seek this reconciliation with God in Christ and with each other.

Congregational Prayer: Assured that our sins are forgiven, we may approach with confidence into the presence of God to receive help in our time of need. This prayer is not only for our congregation but for the church all over the world. Our prayers are heard only because of the one Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Offering: Our offerings do not pay for our sins but are tokens of our recognition that everything we have, and everything we are, belong to God. We give for the sake of the ministry of the Word and for the sake of those in need. It is important for every believer to realize that the giving of an offering to God is an act of true worship.

Prayer for and Proclamation of the Word of God: We first of all pray for the Word of God to have its full effect on our minds and hearts, especially asking that we believe it and therefore be saved. The Word is powerful and able to transform, to build up and tear down any obstacle to godliness and holiness. As God plants His Word in our hearts, it bears the peaceful fruit of righteousness for all "*who have ears to hear.*"

Prayer of Application: All that we do in worship is in response to God's undeserved grace, a grace that moves us to want to dedicate our lives in practical service for His glory.

Benediction: The Benediction is a word of blessing; God's promise to keep us and be gracious to us always. It is a word of peace, so that we might be always confident that God is favorably disposed to us; that God is not out to "get us" but is working everything out for our salvation and our good.

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Salutation & Call to Worship

Psalm 33 (p 546, pew Bible)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King
101 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4 To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore. **

Invocation

Reading of God's Law

Colossians 3:5-8 (p 1169, pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (Unison)

To the Holy One, the God clothed in pure light and glory, have mercy on us. You have commanded us to put off our old self. We are ashamed that we love our old self in the same way we love an old, worn shirt. It's familiar; we know how it fits our frame; we are used to how it feels. We are comfortable in our sins. But you have provided clothes that are of an unearthly quality. The

luxury of your heavenly apparel far surpasses anything on earth. Each day you call us to put on the new self, the new self that is a reflection of Christ. His perfect righteousness is our daily dress. Forgive us for not stripping off the old self. We still keep our favorite clothes of sin in our closet. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us for not throwing them out of the house of our heart. Have mercy on us for not putting on Christ every day. Oh Father, we trust your promise to forgive confessed sins. We rely on your Son's intercession for us right now. And we seek the Spirit's work of bringing and perfecting our prayer to you, for the sake of your Holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 3:3-4, 12-15

*** Hymn of Response**

We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought
493 *Trinity Hymnal*, (all verses)

- 1 We have not known thee as we ought, nor learned thy wisdom, grace and pow'r;
the things of earth have filled our thought, and trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see, and make us wise in knowing thee.
- 2 We have not feared thee as we ought, nor bowed beneath thine awful eye,
nor guarded deed, and word, and thought, remembering that God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.
- 3 We have not loved thee as we ought, nor cared that we are loved by thee;
thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and own the love thou art.
- 4 We have not served thee as we ought; alas! the duties left undone,
the work with little fervor wrought, the battles lost, or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.
- 5 When shall we know thee as we ought, and fear, and love, and serve aright!
When shall we, out of trial brought, be perfect in the land of light!
Lord, may we day by day prepare to see thy face, and serve thee there. **

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
#715 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1, 3, 4)

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

- 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home. **

*** Gloria Patri**

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

- Scripture** 2 Peter 3:11-15a (p 1208, pew Bible)
- Sermon** A Patient People Await a Patient God

Prayer of Application

- * Closing Hymn** *Rejoice, All Ye Believers*
320 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

- 1 Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near:
the Bridegroom is arising, and soon he draweth nigh;
up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
and wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.
- 3 Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:
around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,
in triumph cast before him your diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
the day of earth's redemption that brings us unto thee. **