

*** 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 30, 2026



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Salutation & Call to Worship

Psalm 84 (p 583, pew Bible)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn**

O Word of God Incarnate
140 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps shines on from age to age.

2 The church from her dear Master received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

3 It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

4 O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light, as of old.
O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face. **

Invocation

Reading of God's Law

Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (p 175, pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Psalm 130:1-4 (p 614, pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

Titus 3:3-7 (p 1185, pew Bible)

*** Hymn of Response**

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I
706 *Trinity Hymnal*, (all verses)

1 Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.
2 Jesus lives, and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.
3 Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.
4 Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.
5 Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian's trust. **

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering

Now Thank We All Our God
#98 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven--
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. **

*** Gloria Patri**

#735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

2 Peter 3:15b-18 (p 1208, pew Bible)

Sermon

Stable Living by a Stable Word in a Stable Savior

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation
347 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.
3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4 The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.
5 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
6 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. **