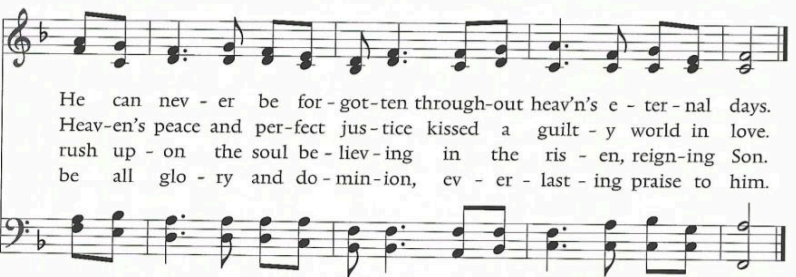
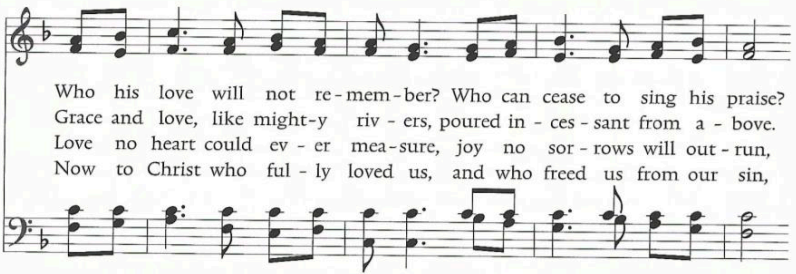
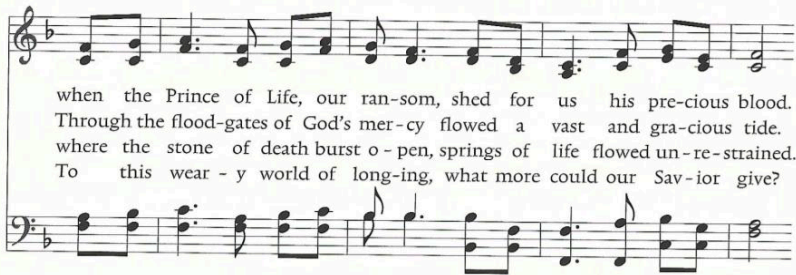


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MORNING WORSHIP

September 6, 2026

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Reflection

Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

* Opening Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun***
441 Trinity Hymnal (all verses)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Invocation & Reading of God's Law

Confession of Sin (unison)

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep
back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion
over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
(Psalm 19)



Assurance of Pardon

2 Pet 1:1-2 & Jude 1-2 (p 1207, 1216 pew Bible)

*** Song of Response**

Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean
(p 4 bulletin, all verses)

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
168 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-2)

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

*** Gloria Patri** #735 *Trinity Hymnal*

We Confess Our Faith

West Short Cat Q & A 21-22 (p 870 *Trinity Hymnal*)

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

*** Prayer For Illumination**

Scriptures

Jn 1:1-14 & Jude 1-4 (pp 1053 & 1216 pew Bible)

Sermon

Affirming Christ's As Lord in a World That Denies It

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn**

O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord
#174 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 O Christ, our King, Creator, Lord, Savior of all who trust thy Word,
to them who seek thee ever near, now to our praises bend thine ear.
2 In thy dear cross a grace is found (it flows from every streaming wound)
whose pow'r our inbred sin controls, breaks the firm bond, and frees our souls.
3 Thou didst create the stars of night; yet thou hast veiled in flesh thy light,
hast deigned a mortal form to wear, a mortal's painful lot to bear.
4 When thou didst hang upon the tree, the quaking earth acknowledged thee;
when thou didst here yield up thy breath, the world grew dark as shades of death.
5 Now in the Father's glory high, great Conqu'ror, nevermore to die,
us by thy mighty pow'r defend, and reign through ages without end. **

*** Benediction & Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

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Homework in returning to John's Gospel (John 1:14)

The climax of John's Prologue is John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John confirms the unchanging, eternal identify of this Word which became flesh, by declaring the following about Him (Adapted from J.I. Packer's *Knowing God*):

- 1) This Word that became flesh *was* the eternal Word (vs 1), with no beginning of His own; when other things began, He – *was*.
- 2) This Word was "*with God*" (vs 1 & 2). The power that fulfils God's purposes as the Word stands in eternal relation to God, in active fellowship in the Trinity as a distinct, divine, personal being.
- 3) This Word "*was God*." Here is the Word's *deity*. Though distinct from the Father, He is not a creature. He is in Himself just as divine as the Father.
- 4) This Word made all things (vs 3). He was the Father's agent in every act of making that the Father has ever performed. All that was made was made through Him.
- 5) In Him was "*life*." The Word animates all parts of the creation. There is no life in the realm of created things except in and through Him.
- 6) This all-animating life in the Word of God is also "*the light of men*" (vs 4). In giving life, He gives light too. Here is the Word revealing.
- 7) This Word "*became flesh*" (vs. 14). The baby in the manger was none other than the eternal Word of God.
- 8) This Word made flesh is revealed in His identity in all His words, works and wisdom as *God's Son* (vs. 14). Thus John establishes the point at which he was aiming throughout. He has now made it clear what he means by calling Jesus the Son of God. The Son of God is the Word of God; we see what the Word is; well, that is what the Son is. Such is the Prologue's message in John 1.