

# THE LORD'S DAY

August 24, 2025

10 O'clock A.M.

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 9:1,2,9-11**

**I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart.**

**I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

*I will be glad and exult in You.*

*I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High.*

**Yahweh is a stronghold for the oppressed,**

**A stronghold in times of trouble.**

*And those who know Your Name put their trust in in You.*

*For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

**Sing praises to Yahweh!**

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**A Westminster Creed  
Insert**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have sinned against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. Lord, have mercy upon us! Spare those, O God, who truly confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**John 10**

**I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

*My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF DEVOTION

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

#599

*Ushers come forward at this time.*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Doxology*

#731

### \*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 4:20-28

Pew Bible Pg.1161

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

**Being Transformed**

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

# 524

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*GLORIA PATRI

#735

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*\*Stand if you are able*

**Evening worship at 6pm**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**A Westminster Creed**

**I believe in the one true and living God.**

*I believe there are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*

**I believe in God the Father who has foreordained all things.**

*I believe the Father made all things of nothing, by His powerful Word, in the space of six days, and all very good. The Father, by His providence, preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.*

**I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God's elect.**

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<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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Nevertheless the custom of adapting our dress to suit the occasion still stands as a general principle. Many people’s dress is also determined by their job. Soldiers and sailors wear different uniforms. Lawyers have special clothing, at least when they appear in court. So do some clergy. So do prisoners and convicts. But when we change our role, we change our dress. When prisoners are released from custody and become free people again (putting off one role and assuming another), they change what they are wearing (putting off prison garb and putting on ordinary clothes)... Just so, since by a new creation we have put off the old humanity and put on the new, we must also put away the old standards and adopt new ones. Our new role will mean new clothing, our new life a new ethical lifestyle.

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