

THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026

10 O'clock A.M.

We gather as God's people to worship the Triune God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*We do so through our Lord Jesus' sin-substitutionary death,
and by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.*

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #38

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

**A Westminster Creed
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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 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* #535
Ushers come forward at this time.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* #731

*READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 7:36-50
Pew Bible pg. 1027

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Is Repentance Optional?

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought* #493

*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI #735

*Stand if you are able

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of perfume, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the perfume. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed \$5,000.00 and the other \$50.00. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among^[a] themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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