

Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel** and

Go

with the Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

November 4, 2024 Election Eve



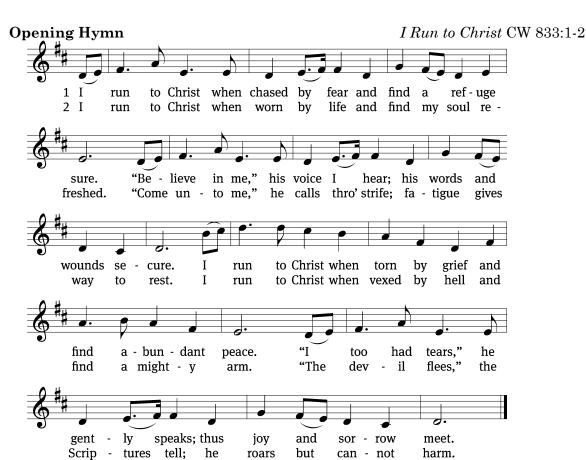
Live a Life in View of God's Kingdom

Tonight we gather together on the eve of a national election to carry out the Spirit's words to us in 1 Timothy 2:1-4:

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Prayer before Worship

Heavenly Father, we gather together this evening to call on your name. You establish every earthly authority. You are in control of all things. We ask you to bless our country through the officials who will be elected. We also implore you to bless us with your Spirit as we worship so that we remember that in all things you are the ultimate source of all good things. Amen.



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Stand



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



M: Has-ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.

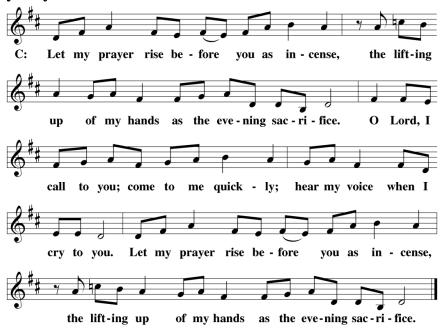


C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in you your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Let My Prayer Rise Before You Psalm 141



M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be Seated



Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, help me put my trust in you. When I am tempted to trust in wealthy or influential people instead, remind me that you made the heavens and the earth. Give me confidence that everything I am and have comes from you; through Christ my Savior.

C: Amen.

Lesson Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.(NIV)

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.



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Sermon

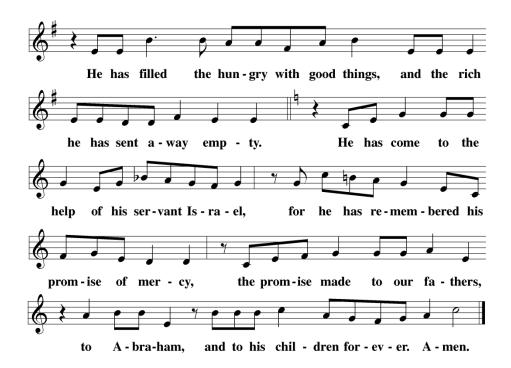
Psalm 146:3,5

- ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
- 4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God. (NIV)

Stand

Song of Mary





Be Seated

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Offering

Stand

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer of the Church

- M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.
- M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

- M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.
- C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.
- M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.
- C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.
- M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.
 - Special prayers and intercessions may follow.
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. Silent prayer.
- M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
- C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.
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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Simeon



Blessing

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Be Seated



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