



# **covenant**

children's ministries

Sunday, August 10, 2025

## Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- \* Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- \* Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- \* Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- \* Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Wiersema**

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

**Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!**



## Call to Worship: from Jeremiah 31

**God calls us to worship Him from His Word**

PASTOR: *Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;*

PEOPLE: **He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.**

PASTOR: *For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.*

PEOPLE: **We shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and we shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,**

PASTOR: *Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
God will turn their mourning into joy;  
he will comfort them,  
and give them gladness for sorrow.*

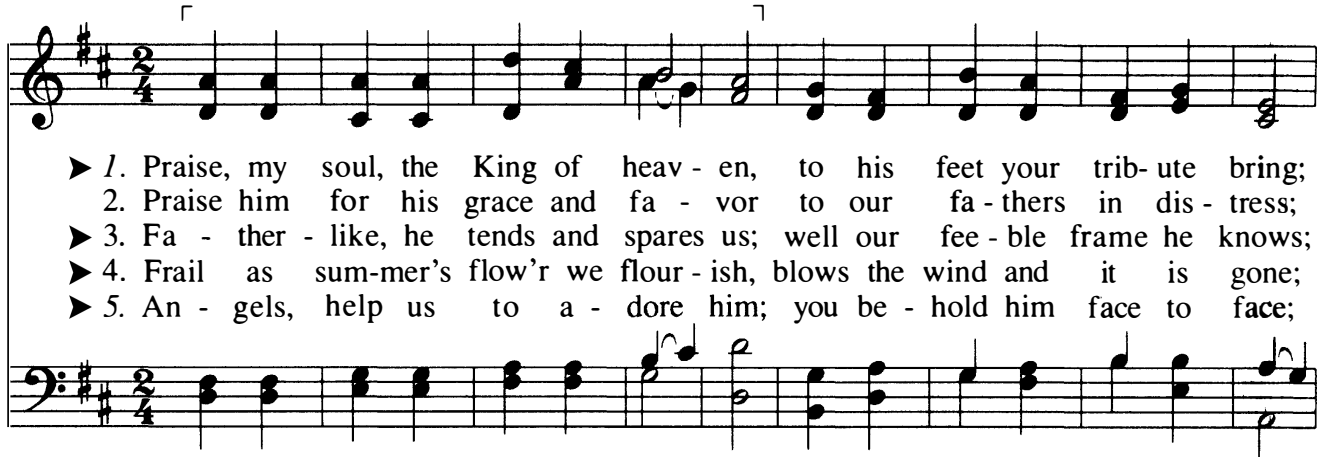
ALL: **He will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and we shall be satisfied with his goodness.**



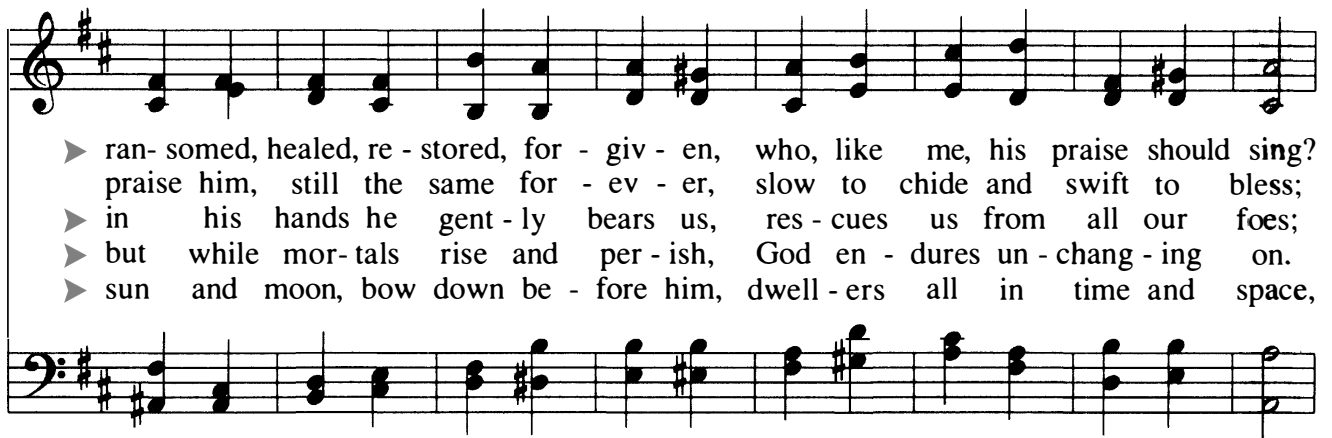
# Hymn of Adoration:

## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #76 (vv.1, 3-5)

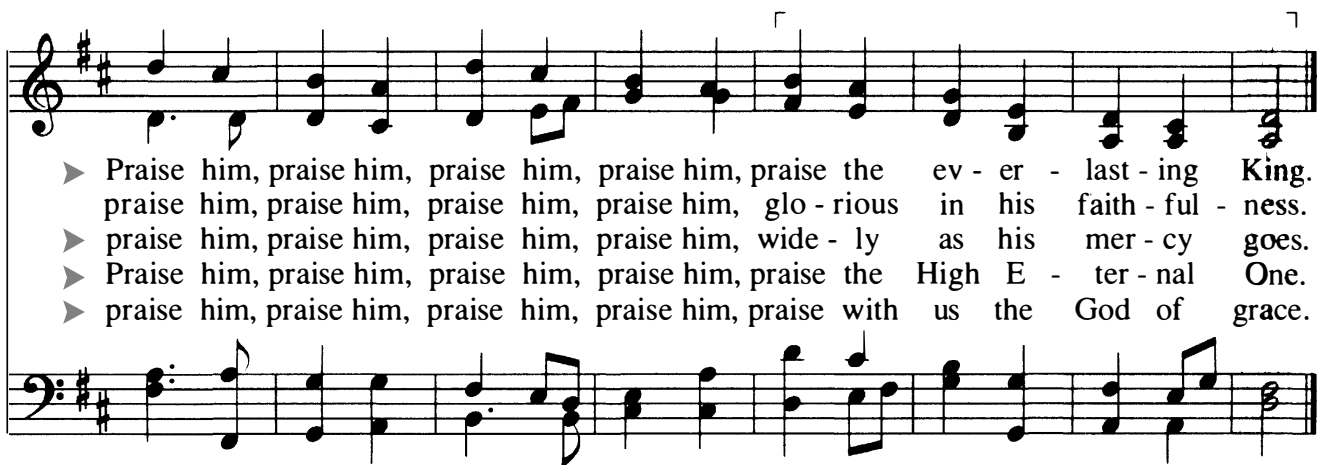
**We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!**



► 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



► ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
► in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
► but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
► sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



► Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
► praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
► Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
► praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



## Invocation

**We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.**



## Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**We declare what we believe about God —  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

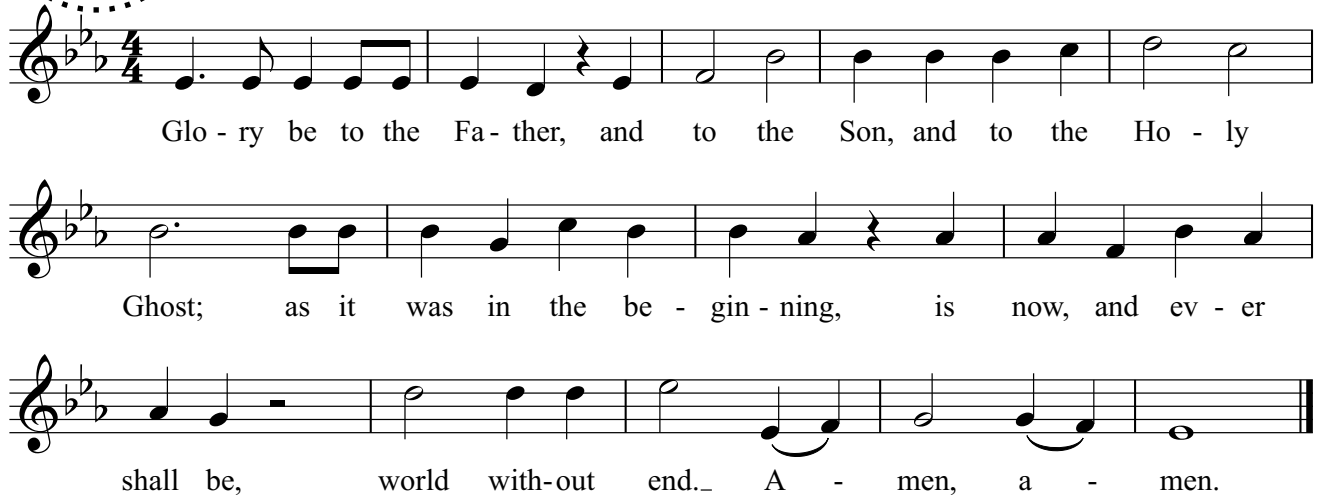
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen



## Gloria Patri

**We praise God for who He is.**



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



## Corporate Confession of Sin: from Psalm 23 and Ezekiel 34

**We confess our sins together as God's people.**

**PASTOR:** *The LORD is our shepherd; we shall not want.*

**ALL:** Yet we so often fail to follow our good shepherd.  
Instead of listening to his voice, we go astray.  
Instead of following where he leads,  
we seek out the path of least resistance.  
Instead of being led in paths of righteousness,  
we pursue our own pleasures.  
Instead of caring for his other sheep, we feed ourselves.  
The weak we have not strengthened,  
the sick we have not healed,  
the injured we have not bound up,  
the strayed we have not brought back,  
the lost we have not sought,  
and with force and harshness  
we have treated one another.  
In all of this we have sinned against you O Lord.  
So forgive us we pray.



## **Silent confession**

**Confess your own sins quietly to God.**



## **Assurance of Pardon: from 1 Peter 2**

**God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!**

PASTOR: *People of God, Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



# Hymn of Assurance

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want #87

**We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.**

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 • will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;  
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 • and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.





## Scripture Reading: John 10:7-30

**We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.**

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally, then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.**

ALL: 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen



## Offertory

**We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.**



### Children's Worship (8:30 service only)



*Children are invited to children's worship. Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** downstairs to Room 13 during the next hymn. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



# Hymn of Preparation:

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks

**We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.**

ALL: On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns,  
and scatters night away.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.  
[men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.  
[men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
and in His bosom rest?

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.  
[men] I am bound (women echo)  
I am bound (women echo)  
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.



# Sermon: Psalm 23

God's Care For Us (Pastor Noah)

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**

A PSALM OF DAVID.

**23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

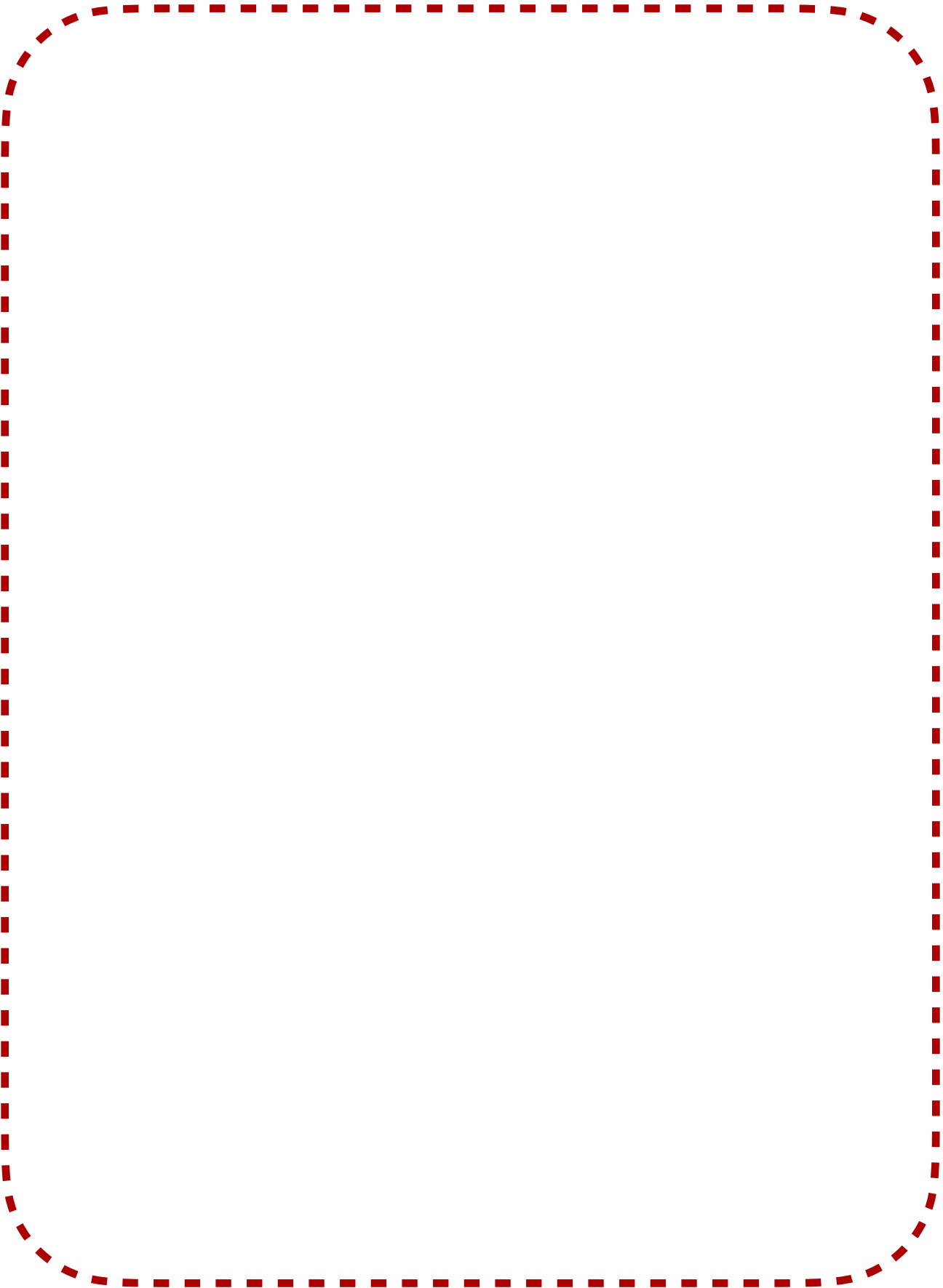
**Question for young worshipers:**

**Why doesn't David fear when things are scary?**

# GOD'S CARE FOR US

1. Shepherd of  
the Sheep

2. Host of the  
House





# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

**As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.**



1. Let us\_\_ love and\_\_ sing\_\_ and\_\_ won - der, Let us\_\_ praise the\_\_ Sav -
2. Let us\_\_ love the\_\_ Lord\_\_ who bought us, Pit - ied\_\_ us\_\_ when en -
3. Let us\_\_ sing through fierce\_\_ temp - ta - tion Threat-en\_\_ hard to\_\_ bear\_\_
4. Let us\_\_ won - der\_\_ grace\_\_ and\_\_ jus - tice Join and\_\_ point to\_\_ mer -
5. Let us\_\_ praise and\_\_ join\_\_ the\_\_ cho - rus Of the\_\_ saints en - throned



- ior's\_ name, He has\_\_ hushed the\_\_ law's\_\_ loud thun - der,
- e - mies; Called us\_\_ by\_\_ His\_\_ grace\_\_ and\_\_ taught us,
- us\_\_ down! For the\_\_ Lord our\_\_ strong sal - va - tion
- cy's\_ store; When through grace in\_\_ Christ\_\_ our\_\_ trust is
- on\_\_ high; Here they\_\_ trust - ed\_\_ Him\_\_ be - fore\_\_ us,



- He has quenched Mount Si - nai's\_ flame. He has washed us
- Gave us\_\_ ears\_\_ and\_\_ gave\_\_ us\_\_ eyes.. He has washed us
- Holds in\_\_ view\_\_ the\_\_ con - qu'ror's crown. He who washed us
- Jus - tice\_\_ smiles and\_\_ asks\_\_ no\_\_ more. He who washed us
- Now their\_ prais - es\_\_ fill\_\_ the\_\_ sky.. Thou hast washed us



- with His\_ blood,\_\_ He has washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He has
- with His\_ blood,\_\_ He has washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He has
- with His\_ blood,\_\_ He who washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He who
- with His\_ blood,\_\_ He who washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He who
- with Thy blood,\_\_ Thou hast washed us with Thy\_ blood,\_\_ Thou hast



- washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He has brought us nigh to\_\_ God.
- washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ He pre - sents our souls to\_\_ God.
- washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ Soon will bring us home to\_\_ God.
- washed us with His\_ blood,\_\_ Has se - cured our way to\_\_ God.
- washed us with Thy\_ blood,\_\_ Thou art wor - thy Lamb of\_\_ God.



**Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**



## Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



## Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"



## The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

LEADER: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

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Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Brent Johnson, Piano

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## Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

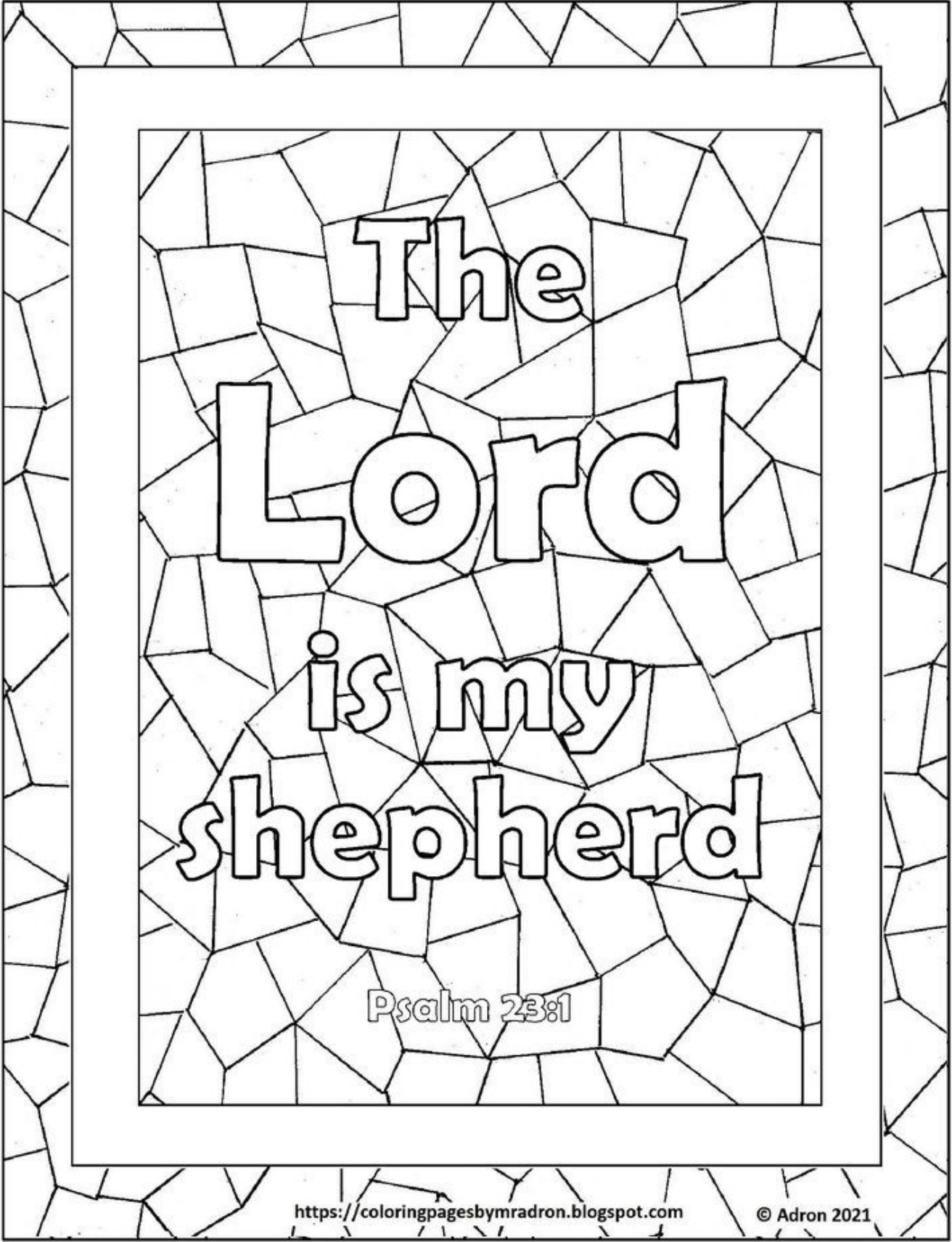
Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

## Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.





The  
Lord  
is my  
shepherd

Psalm 23:1





By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

#### **Statement of Faith**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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