



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 14, 2025



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY

- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**: We'll resume our study of Luke this Sunday at **9:30AM** and look at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, as found in Luke 4:14–30.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday **5:30PM**. See service details on page 13 (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Sep 16) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **MONTHLY SESSION MEETING**: Has been moved from next Wednesday (Sep 17) to the following Wednesday (**September 24**) at **6:00PM**. All are welcome to attend.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 96:7-9](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[“Gloria Patri”](#)

#734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

[“For All the Saints”](#)

#358

**For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
*Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**O may thy soldiers
faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Isaiah 1:16–20](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**O Sovereign Lord God, our Father and our Creator,
you call upon your people to wash ourselves and make
ourselves clean, to turn from evil and turn to good.
You are right to teach us of our sin, and in teaching us**

the extent and sinfulness of our sin, we also learn that we are unable to wash ourselves, to make ourselves clean by our own efforts. We admit our sins, we affirm our inability to correct them by our own will or strength. So forgive us, O Father, and cleanse us from sin and renew a right heart within us, so that we may follow your ways, with the help of your Spirit. Fill our hearts and minds with joy and thanksgiving for the salvation purchased for us by Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[1 Peter 2:24](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned"](#)

#496

Kind and merciful God,
we have sinned in Your sight,
we have all wandered far from your way;
we have followed desire,
we have failed to aspire
to the virtue we ought to display.

Kind and merciful God,
we've neglected your Word
and the truth that would guide us aright;
we have lived in the shade
of the dark we have made,
when you willed us to walk in the light.

...

**Kind and merciful God,
we have broken your laws
and in conduct have veered from the norm;
we have dreamed of the good,
but the good that we could
we have frequently failed to perform.**

**Kind and merciful God
in Christ's death on the cross
you provided a cleansing from sin;
speak the words that forgive
that hence-forth we may live
by the might of your Spirit within.**

**Kind and merciful God,
bid us lift up our heads
and command us to rise from our knees;
may our hearts now be changed
and no longer estranged,
through the pow'r of your pardon and peace.**

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WE CONFESS WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith I.6 – Of the Holy Scripture

The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the

Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word: and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

PRAYER

[Israel \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): God's promises. Despite having very limited natural resources, Israelis have developed thriving agricultural and industrial sectors in less than twenty years. Home to many historically and religiously significant Christian, Muslim, and Jewish sites, the capital city of Jerusalem has been conquered and reconquered for over 3,000 years, which has left the "Old City" quite divided. The capital is not the only partitioned area of Israel, though, as most of the nation still reflects an ancient and violent rift between the Palestinian and Jewish communities that has only deepened through the centuries.

Despite various attempts to reconcile differences and settle land partitions, nothing has stymied the aggression between the Arab and Jewish peoples. Each side of the issue views the other as the aggressor. Palestinians believe the Jews are unlawfully occupying their homeland, whereas the Jews feel the land they are taking is theirs despite being exiled for thousands of years. After multiple armed conflicts and nearly as many failed peace accords, resolution is still far from being reached. Due to the conflict, Palestinians within Israel tend to be viewed with suspicion and are not fully accepted. On top of the ethnic and religious disputes, cocaine, ecstasy, and heroin are increasingly trafficked from Jordan and Lebanon.

The Torah is viewed as both a historical record and religious law. Freedom of religion is a legal right, but is not always respected as Messianic Jews still struggle for political recognition. Christians are often harassed by conservative Jews and Muslims alike. 75% of the population follows Judaism, with barely 2% Christian and the rest Muslim. Even in the face of animosity, the gospel is being spread and interest for the Word of God is increasing. The most powerful witness has been the testimony of Christian Jews as they are able to minister to their lost brothers and sisters in ways that the rest of the world cannot. As house churches grow, God's grace is empowering and encouraging the evangelical leaders to spread the good news that Messiah has come and is coming back soon.

- Pray for the Jewish people to recognize Jesus as their true Messiah.
- Pray for God to replace division, fear, and hatred with gospel-rooted love.
- Pray for boldness for Messianic believers.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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, forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT

[Deuteronomy 26](#)

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall

put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

¹²When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled, ¹³then you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner,

the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. ¹⁴I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.'

¹⁶This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹⁷You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. ¹⁸And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, ¹⁹and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised."

SERMON

"Confession and Offering"

O Father, you are sovereign
in all the worlds you made;
your mighty word was spoken
and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons
and bounds the ocean's shore,
sets stars within their courses
and stills the tempests' roar.

O Father, you are sovereign
in all affairs of man;
no pow'rs of death or darkness
can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending,
supreme in time and space,
you hold your trusting children
secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign
the Lord of human pain,
transmuting earthly sorrows
to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling,
as none but Conqu'ror could,
your love pursues its purpose —
our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign!
We see you dimly now,
but soon before your triumph
earth's every knee shall bow. ...

**With this glad hope before us
our faith springs up anew:
our sovereign Lord and Savior,
we trust and worship you!**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE HOLD ELEMENTS UNTIL ALL ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"Doxology"

#733

BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5, 18

"Threefold Amen"

#740



EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 150
(TH page 841)

HYMN

"Rejoice, All People, Homage Give" (Ps 47)

TH #73

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 24

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 23

PRAYERS

SERMON

Daniel 2:48–49
"Christian Civil Service"
(See WCF 23.2 — TH page 862)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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