

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

GATHERING

Welcome

(from HC #52)

- L How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?
- C In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me.**
- Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.**

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue 446 4v.) *"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"*

Worship from the Psalms (Psalm 110 ESV)

- L The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- C The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**
- L Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
- C The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**
- L The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- C He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;**
- L He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way;
- C Therefore he will lift up his head.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we might inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ and look forward to his return. Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music *"There is a Higher Throne"*

As sung by Keith and Kristyn Getty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hfUQBgfptM>

The Heidelberg Catechism (HC #1)

L What is your only comfort in life and in death?

C That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Sermon Text Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV), p. 988
Romans 8:22-25 (ESV) p. 1122-1123

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #467)

"How Great Thou Art"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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 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

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn

"There Is a Higher Throne"

*Blessing and Benediction

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



Bruce will be **cooking at Emanuel Lutheran Church** on Wednesday, July 29th. He will be needing help at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28th at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Congregational Life will meet on Thursday, August 6th at 2:00 p.m.

The **Sessions for Napoleon and Waterville** will be meeting together on Monday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m. here in Napoleon.

Toledo Mud Hens will have **Faith in the Stadium** on Sunday, August 16th. The game starts at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed with a concert in the stadium.

The **Session** will meet on Monday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BEACHWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Carol Detmer, Sandee Scheweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)



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1. There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
2. And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne.

where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
We'll hon - or him in per - fect song, where we be - long.

Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die.

be - liev - ing hearts find prom-ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
The Lamb be-comes our Shep-herd King; we'll reign with him.

Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings

through em-'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.

All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are

to God our King, who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.