

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Psalm 42:1-2, 6*

L As the deer long for flowing streams,
C so our souls thirst for God.

L Our souls thirst for the living God
C We place our hope in God, who is our help.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Red #111) *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalm 42 & 43*

L As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
C My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

L My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"
C These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

L how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God,
C with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

L Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
C Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

L My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan
and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
C Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents;

L all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
C By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

L I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?"
C Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #394) *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

*Offering Prayer

*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 (Blue #388) *"O Jesus I Have Promised"*

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

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 in the south alcove. Thank you, Jeff Hall, for being our liturgist this morning.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

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

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Session meets on Monday, June 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Bruce has **jury duty** the morning of Wednesday, June 25th.

Our church is being rented for a wedding on Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th.

Together We Can Make a Difference especially needs child sized toothbrushes, and still needs baby wipes, baby shampoo, child sized diapers, and whatever food that can be donated.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Joe and Linda McOscar.



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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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L As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
C while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”
 L Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
C Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.
 L Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;
C from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!
 L For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?
C Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?
 L O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;
C let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
 L Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
C and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.
 L Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
C Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we are discouraged by our own sinfulness. Forgive us when we give up and neglect our relationship with you. Forgive us when we settle into a comfortable habit of sin and separate ourselves from your saving grace. Convict us of the truth, lead us back to You, and strengthen our resolve to follow you always. Lead us into hope for the day when sin is defeated, and death is no more. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

“Gerasene”

Sermon Text Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a, Luke 8:26-39 (NRSVUE)

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation