

# DIVINE WORSHIP

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## Morning Service

May 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### God Calls Us into His Presence

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1, 5

**Minister:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

#### \*Votum and Salutation

#### \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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.

#### \*Psalm No. 98C

*Sing a New Song to Jehovah*

### God Cleanses Us from Sin

#### Reading of the Law

Zechariah 8:16-17

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, You have called us to abide in Your Word, that we might know the truth and be set free. Yet we confess that we have often turned from Your Word and followed the desires of our own hearts. We acknowledge that apart from Christ, we are slaves to sin. We have thought, spoken, and acted in ways that are contrary to Your will. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor our neighbor as ourselves. But You, O Lord, are merciful. In Jesus Christ, Your Son, You have come to free us. He alone has power to break the chains of sin and make us sons and daughters in Your house forever. For His sake, forgive us. Cleanse us. Set us free to walk in Your truth. Teach us again to abide in Your Word and to live as those who are truly Yours. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:22-23

#### \*Hymn No. 274

*Jesus, My Great High Priest*

**God Consecrates Us to His Service**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**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** No. 572

**Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Illumination**

**\*Sermon Text** Pg. 894

John 8:31-38

**Sermon**

Dr. Steven G. Simmons

Truth's Freedom

**God Communes with Us and Puts His Blessing Upon Us**

**\*Hymn** No. 498

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

**The Lord's Supper\*\***

**\*Psalm** No. 119D

*My Soul Is Sinking Down to Dust*

**\*Benediction**

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

**\*Doxology** No. 567

**\*Postlude**

*\*Please stand*

*\*\*The clear cups are wine, the tinted cups are grape juice*

# DIVINE WORSHIP

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## Evening Service

May 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1-3, 11, 18

**Minister:** Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**All:** for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

**Minister:** Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

**All:** Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

**Minister:** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

**All:** We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!

### \*Votum and Salutation

### \*Invocation

### \*Psalm No. 96

*Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise*

Catechesis Pg. 908      Canons of Dort, Third and Fourth Points, Article 10

**Old Testament Reading** Pg. 567-568

Isaiah 2:6-22

**New Testament Reading** Pg. 926-927

Acts 17:16-34

### \*Hymn No. 467

*Cast Down, O God, the Idols*

### Pastoral Prayer and Prayer for Illumination

### \*Sermon Text Pg. 701

Ezekiel 14:1-11

### Sermon

Dr. Steven G. Simmons

In Response to Idols, Idolatry, and Idolaters

### \*Psalm No. 115A

*Not to Us, LORD, Not to Us*

### \*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### \*Postlude

*\*Please stand*

# SERMON NOTES

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## **Morning Sermon: Truth's Freedom—John 8:31-38**

- I. The Bondage of Sin Broken. 31-32
  - A. The Evidence of Discipleship.
  - B. The Freedom of Truth.
- II. The Freedom from Sin Granted. 33-36
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  - B. The Slavery by Sin.
  - C. The Freedom of the Son.
- III. The Path of Sin Avoided. 37-38
  - A. A Path without God's Word as Light.
  - B. A Path Without the Voice of the Father.

## **Evening Sermon: In Response to Idols, Idolatry, and Idolaters— Ezekiel 14:1-11**

- I. Should God hear and give instruction to Idolaters? 1-3
- II. The Lord should not Hear or give counsel to those who take idols into Heart and Home. 4-5
- III. God will turn His face against those who will not respond to His call to repentance and reformation. 6-9
- IV. Those who will not turn to God will suffer His punishment. 10
- V. God acts so that the House of the Lord may no longer go astray. 11