

“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” - Isaiah 58:9

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Yahweh, I Know You Are Near”

DAN SCHUTTE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Thirsty, our hearts crave living water.

Hungry, our souls ache to be satisfied.

Weary, our minds are tired by thoughts that do not come from God.

Thirsty, hungry, and weary, let us worship the God of love.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;

**O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN – No. 49**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.**

**Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that we may prove to be your loving children in every way.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Time for Silent reflection and prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(A time to greet one another in the peace and love of Jesus)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Clement Dunn

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Help us to hear your Word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ,

In whose name we pray now and always our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 10:1-13

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

HYMN– No. 71

“Surely, It is God Who Saves Me”

FIRST SONG

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

Praise be to you, O Christ. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Thread of Temptation “

Rev. Dr. Evan Dolive

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Barmen Declaration (1933)

As members of Lutheran, Reformed, and United Churches,
we may and must speak with one voice in this matter today.

**Precisely because we want to be and to remain faithful
to our various Confessions, we may not keep silent,
since we believe that we have been given a common message
to utter in a time of common need and temptation.**

**We commend to God what this may mean
for the interrelations of the Confessional Churches. (Continued)**

II. Theological Declaration Concerning the Present Situation
of the German Evangelical Church

**6. "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
"The word of God is not fettered."**

**The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word
and work through sermon and sacrament.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church in human arrogance
could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily
chosen desires, purposes, and plans.**

**The Confessional Synod of the German Evangelical Church declares
that it sees in the acknowledgment of these truths
and in the rejection of these errors
the indispensable theological basis of the German Evangelical Church
as a federation of Confessional Churches.**

**It invites all who are able to accept its declaration to be mindful
of these theological principles in their decisions in Church politics.
It entreats all whom it concerns to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.**

*HYMN – No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon
our frail lives with love and understanding,
and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave, and leads us to new life.

***THE 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.

*HYMN – No. 608

“Doxology”

PRAISE GOD

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

Announcements

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Dr. Evan M. Dolive** to the pulpit today! Rev. Dr. Dolive is the Executive Director of Greater Longview United Way. He holds advanced degrees in theology, is an author, a Board-Certified Chaplain, and a strong advocate for public education and children’s welfare. We are grateful to have him with us!

Women’s Bible Study will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall this Tuesday.

Wednesday Night Live dinner is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday for reservations. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week’s menu includes pork loin, a side, salad, dessert, and a drink. Afterward, join us in the sanctuary for **Wednesday Night Lenten Vespers** at 7 p.m.

The **Boy Scouts** will host a **Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser** at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church this Saturday, March 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dine in or carry out.

Next Sunday, March 30, we will gather for a combined worship service with CUMC. Afterward, we will enjoy a **5th Sunday Potluck Lunch** together. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and the churches will provide fried chicken.

The Affirmation of Faith the Barmen Declaration of 1933. Contextual background:

THE THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN

I. An Appeal to the Evangelical Congregations and Christians in Germany

The Confessional Synod of the German Evangelical Church met in Barmen on May 29-31, 1934. Here, representatives from all the German Confessional Churches met with one accord in a confession of the one Lord of the one, holy, apostolic Church. In fidelity to their Confession of Faith, Lutheran, Reformed, and United Churches members sought a common message for the need and temptation of the Church in our day. With gratitude to God, they are convinced they have been given a common word to utter.

49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Refrain

C All *G* *Am* *F* *Dm7*

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

Gsus *G7* *Em7* *Am* *C7* *F* *G7*

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

Em7 *Am* *Dm* *Gsus* *C* *F* *C* (*F*) *Fine*

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Leader or All *C* *G/B* *Am* *C7*

1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

F *Dm7* *Gsus* *G7* *Em7*

from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall

Am *C7* *F* *G7* *Em7* *Am* *Dm7* *Gsus* *C* *F* *to Refrain*

say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."

Leader or All *Am* *Em* *F*

2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -

G7 *C* *Dm7* *C* *Am* *Em* *F*

mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2-6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

D7 G F Em G7 *to Refrain*

for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7 F Dm7 Gsus G7

3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on; ring out your joy, for the

Em7 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of Is-rael.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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G C Am7 Dsus D G
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

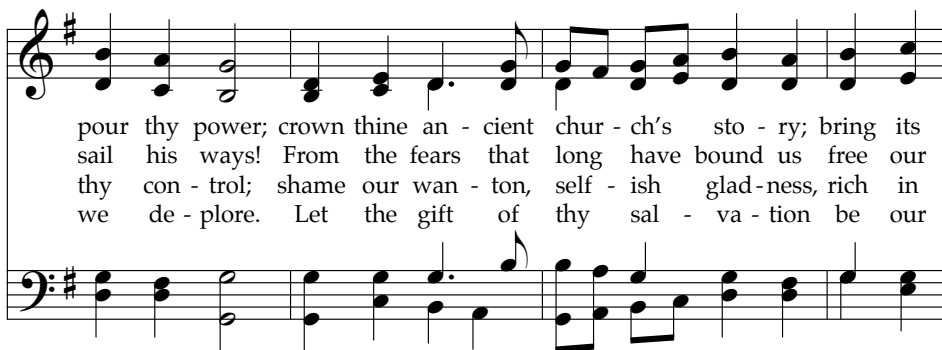
D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -

G C Am7 G Am7 D G
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

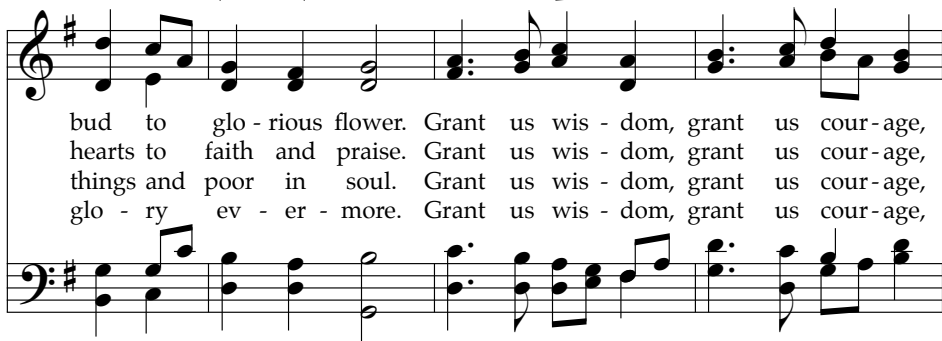
307 God of Grace and God of Glory



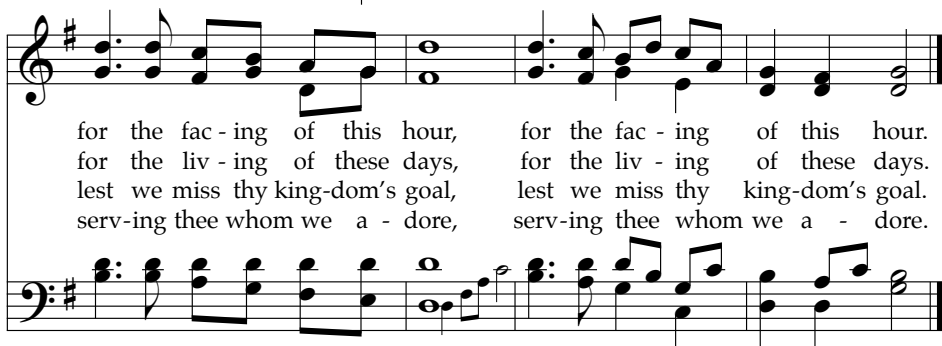
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.