

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please be seated by 10:45 for the announcements

Silent Preparation

During the few minutes before the service begins, the congregation is invited to a moment of silent and prayerful preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the Visitor Card in the rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate during the Collection of Tithes and Offerings.

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6

*Hymn of Praise

Thine Be the Glory
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #365)

*Prayer of Invocation and 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 27& 28

Question: Wherein did Christ’s humiliation consist?

Answer: *Christ’s humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.*

Question: Wherein consists Christ’s exaltation?

Answer: *Christ’s exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1–10
(Pew Bible Page 835)

Confession of Sin (Silent)

Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 1:7

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

*Psalm of Thanksgiving

Psalm 16
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #16A)

Prayer of Dedication

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*Gloria Patri

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #572)

*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.*

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Jim Curtis
Associate Pastor

*Hymn of Preparation

Christ Jesus Lay In Death’s Strong Bands

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:18–22
(Pew Bible Page 1016)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“He Preached Where?”
(1 Peter: Sojourners in Faith, 13)

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

*Hymn of Response

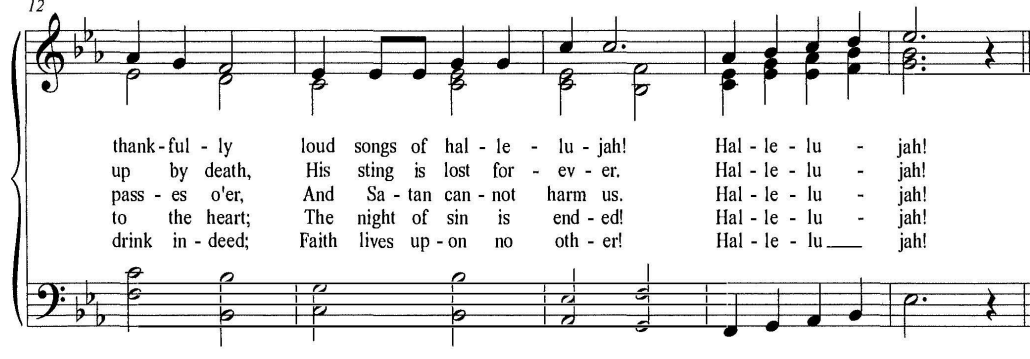
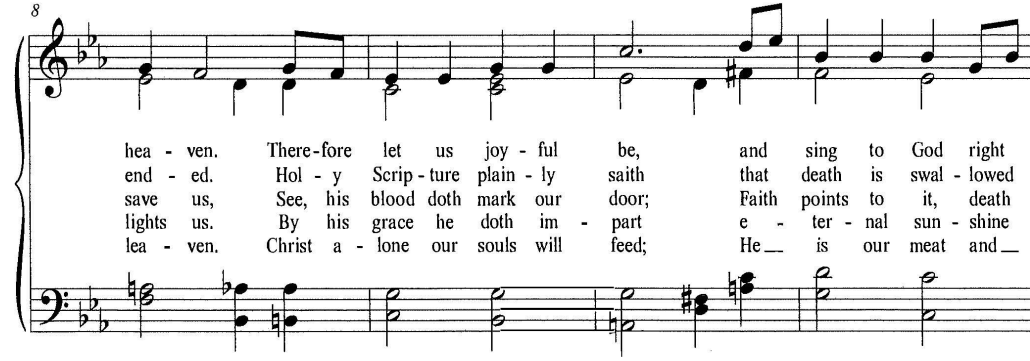
In Christ Alone
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #265)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Words: Martin Luther
Music: James C Ward
4.7.24



Welcome Visitors! We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. We are delighted you are here and we are available to answer any questions you may have about our worship service, our church, or even the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have children they are most welcome in our worship service, and we also provide a nursery for children up to 3 years of age. **Please fill out the Visitor Card located in the rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it comes by later in the service.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Service: We will not have service this evening, April 20.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting: Join us Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed at 6:45 with a time of prayer, Bible study, youth group, children’s classes, and nursery.

Women’s Service Opportunity: The Women’s Service Committee is planning a service meal opportunity at the ABCCM Costello House for April 22. Please watch for an email with details and consider signing up to serve and/or provide food items for the meal.

Pastor Vacation: This coming week Pastor Sean will be away with his family on vacation. For any pastoral needs, contact Pastor Jim or one of the elders.

Shepherding Groups: Save the date. Shepherding groups will meet Sunday, May 4 after morning worship. More details to come.

Watering Seeds Podcast: Be sure to check out our church’s weekly podcast, *Watering Seeds*. Each week our pastors review, discuss, and apply the previous Sunday’s sermon. You can find the podcast on any major podcast platform, such as Anchor, Spotify, or Apple Podcast, by searching for our church name or the title, “Watering Seeds,” or by scanning the following QR code:



THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 22 9:30 am: Women’s sermon discussion and prayer at Gail Albee’s home	Thursday, April 24 7:30 am: R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone
Wednesday, April 23 6:00 pm: Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, Youth Group, & Lessons for Children	Sunday, April 27 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Morning Worship 6:00 pm: Evening Worship

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, April 20 Greeters: Carol & Norm Bomer Security: Rich Bishop Nursery: 9:30 am: Bonnie Cook Madeleine Curtis 10:45 am: Gloria Boothe Ron McEwen Fern Roper	Sunday, Sunday, April 27 Greeters: Becca & John Callahan Security: Mike Cate Nursery: 9:30 am: Lou Bishop Rich Bishop 10:45 am: Dannette Lowery Jim Lowery Stella Dillingham 6:00 pm: Gail & Jim Albee
Wednesday, April 23 Nursery: Rachel & Ben Badgley Security: Norm Bomer	April Deacons on Duty: Noe McHone Grey Dixon (Usher) Drew Lefevre

Submit bulletin items to office@covenantreformed.net by noon on Thursdays

If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail ceb392@mac.com and it will be added to our church prayer list .

Senior Pastor: Sean McCann
Associate Pastor: Jim Curtis
Pastoral Interns: Micaiah Liner, David Livernois
Administrative Assistant: David Livernois
Office Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday

Elders: Ben Badgley, Rob Cook, Clay Dangerfield, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace. *Emeritus: Mike Cate*
Deacons: Grey Dixon, Jeff Greene, Drew Lefevre, Noe McHone, Carl Tannenbaum
Deacons’ Helper: Zach Voigt
Nursery Coordinator: Rebekah Woodard



THE LORD’S DAY
APRIL 20, 2025

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus*

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