\* Call to Worship: based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

Let us worship God.

"He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."

Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

## \* Opening Prayer

\* Come, Thou Almighty King

#341:1,3,4 (HFG)

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, Never from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.

### \* Because He Lives

#292 (HFG)

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy He gives; But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He lives. *Refrain* 

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain. And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. *Refrain* 

#### \* Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord, To receive glory, glory and honor, Glory and honor and pow'r. For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things. And for Thy pleasure they are created; For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

**Profession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

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.

Offering: Memli & Luiza

# **Evening Prayer**

## Children's Message

\* O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, The fount of life, the light of men, From fullest bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to You again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood, You save those who on You call; To those that seek You, You are good, To those that find You, all in all. \* **Scripture:** *Titus 3:4-7 (NIV)* 

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<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Message:** What is the Gospel?

#### Prayer

#### \* How Vast the Benefits Divine

#497:1,2 (PH)

How vast the benefits divine
Which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from sin and shame,
And called to holiness.
'Tis not for works that we have done
These all to him we owe;
But he of his electing love
Salvation does bestow.

To you, O Christ, alone is due All glory and renown;
No merit of our own we claim,
Nor rob you of your crown.
You were our only surety
In God's redemption plan;
In you his grace was given us
Before the world began.

#### \* God's Blessing

#307:1,2 (PH)

# \* To God Be the Glory

#632 (PH)

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me;
With his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

# What is the Gospel?

Titus 3:4-7

#### **False Gospels**

#### Our Response is worship and insist this Gospel is preserved

### The True Gospel

The Good News begins and ends with the Character of God

God took on flesh

Our actions had nothing to do with our salvation

God's mercy saves us

Results are 2-fold

Salvation is applied by the Holy Spirit doing 2 things

All God's work- Father, Son and Holy Spirit

\* indicates to stand if able

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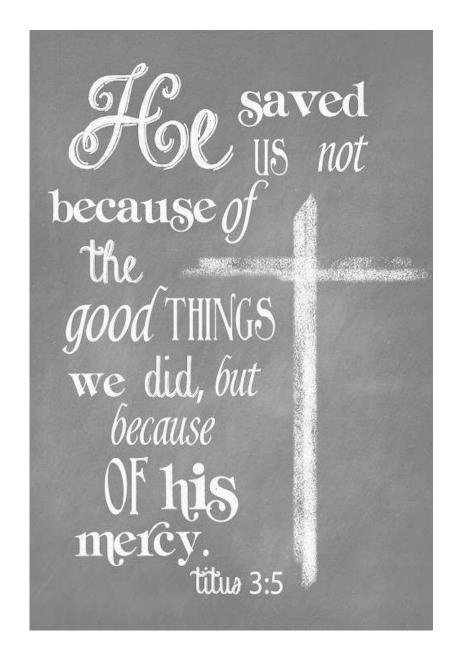
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