

November 16, 2025

#### GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:15-20 Rev. Dave Lindberg

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

\*SONG LIFT HIGH THE NAME

#### Verse 1

Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of His grace,
the beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached
And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground,
to freedom from our sin.

# Chorus

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done Till the earth and heavens Are filled with His glory!

#### Verse 2

Lift high the name of Jesus,
of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than,
is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope,
To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise.

Chorus

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## Verse 3

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see The harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace As He leads sinners home. Chorus (x2)

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

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Christians, what do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

\*That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

\*Song

BE THOU MY VISION

#### Verse 1

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

#### Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

# Verse 3

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

# Verse 4

High King of heaven my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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#### GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all that truly repent and believe in the name of Jesus; We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you our God.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love; According to your grace offered in the gospel, forgive us our sin and cause us to walk in your ways in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the *Book of Common Prayer* 

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Leader: In Christ you are forgiven. **People:** Thanks be to God.

**SONG** 

(Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

# PSALM 27 (THE LORD IS MY LIGHT)

#### Verse 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

Of whom shall I be afraid?

#### Chorus

Lord, You are my shelter; God of my salvation, I am not forsaken. Lord, my shield and protector; Waiting on Your promise, I will see Your goodness, O Lord.

#### Verse 2

When troubles arise, no foe can harm me. You are my peace, You are my peace. You lift me above the raging storm. You conquer my enemies

#### Chorus

## Verse 3

One thing I have asked: to see Your beauty.
This I will seek, this I will seek.
To dwell in Your house,
to walk in Your ways;
Your presence is all I need.

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding,

<sup>14</sup> for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.

<sup>15</sup> She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

<sup>16</sup>Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

<sup>17</sup> Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

<sup>18</sup> She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens;

<sup>20</sup> by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

<sup>21</sup> My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion.

<sup>22</sup> and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.

# **Chorus**

# **Bridge**

I wait, wait for the Lord In faith, trusting Your word. I wait, wait for the Lord In faith, trusting Your word. (repeat)

#### Chorus

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Proverbs 3:13-35

<sup>23</sup> Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.

<sup>24</sup> If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,

<sup>26</sup> for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

<sup>27</sup> Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

<sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when you have it with you.

<sup>29</sup> Do not plan evil against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.

30 Do not contend with a man for no reason, when he has done you no harm.

<sup>31</sup> Do not envy a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways,

<sup>32</sup> for the devious person is an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence.

33 The LORD'S curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

34 Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

<sup>35</sup> The wise will inherit honor, but fools get disgrace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### PASTORAL 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\*SERMON TEXT James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. / **People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### "Favoritism vs. Faith"

#### GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.
- ❖ Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.

#### SONG DURING COMMUNION

INSTRUMENTAL

\*Song

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

#### Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

#### Chorus

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

#### Verse 2

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

# **Chorus**

# Verse 3

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee.
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that You are with me,
Will be with me to the end
Chorus

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#### GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

\*Blessing Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# \*Doxology/Dismissal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# SERMON NOTES "Favoritism vs. Faith" James 2:1-13

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth and Family Community Cookout** on Friday, November 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Midlothian Community Park Pavilion between the pickleball and sand volleyball courts (3601 S 14th St). All invited!

**Bible Studies** meet this week. The **Women's Studies** meet **Tuesday**, **November 18 at 7:00 pm** in the home of Alana Marquis (118 Cumberland Dr, Ovilla) *and* **Thursday**, **November 20 at 9:30 am** in the home of Kelly Walter (1211 Statler Dr, Duncanville). The **Men's Studies** meet **Wednesday**, **November 19 at 7:00 pm** at 1846 Coffee in Cedar Hill, *and* **Thursday**, **November 20** at 5:30 am at 713 W Main St, Ovilla.

# CTK Financial Update Through September 30

General Fund Budget \$313,500 Contributions \$238,00 Expenses (\$290,000)

# **CTK Community Groups: Upcoming Meetings**

**Duncanville** meets Sunday, November 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the home of Calvin and Katie Pitts (contact: calvinpitts@gmail.com).

Cedar Hill meets Sunday, November 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the home of Jim and Janet Gilchrist (contact: janet.gilchrist@sbcglobal.net). \*Subject to change due to holiday.

**Ovilla** meets Tuesday, November 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the home of Nate and Amy Ford (contact: jonathanraikes@gmail.com).

**Midlothian** meets Wednesday, November 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the home of Dave and Julie Lindberg (contact: dave@ctktexas.com). \*Subject to change due to holiday.

Community Groups are designed to foster our Love of God and Neighbor as we gather to eat and pray together. We hope you find a group that works for you.

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