



...from everlasting  
to everlasting  
you are God.

Psalm 90:2, NRSV

Our worship proceeds unannounced and follows the printed liturgy.

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This evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper, a gracious gift that God provides to Christ's body, the church. All who have been baptized into Christ and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living are invited to participate in this sacrament, discerning that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body.

*We use gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

Prelude: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" [#405]

C.S. Lang; Heinrich Fleischer; Alfred Fedak

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* Opening Declaration of Dependence:

**All: O God, our help in ages past,  
we bring our praise and thanksgiving to you at the close of the year.  
O God, our hope for years to come,  
we look to you as we begin a new year.  
O God, our guide while life shall last,  
we seek your leading in our lives each day.  
O God, our eternal home,  
we come as your children, trusting you for our tomorrows.**

\* Opening Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**#405:1,3,4,6**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

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The Communion of the Saints: A Remembrance of Members Who Died in 2023

Evening Prayer

Hymn of Preparation: "Hours and Days and Years and Ages"

**#401:1-3**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: **WISE MORTALS**

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response: "God of Our Life"

**#404:1-3**

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty  
to give thanks to you at all times and in all places,  
O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!  
You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.  
You have given us life and being,  
and you preserve us by your providence.  
But you have shown us the fullness of your love  
in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ,  
the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation.  
For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you,  
we praise and bless you, O God.  
With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
we worship and adore your glorious name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Most righteous God,  
we remember in this Supper  
the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross  
by our Lord Jesus Christ  
for the sin of the whole world.  
In the joy of his resurrection  
and in expectation of his coming again,  
we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.  
Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
Grant that, being joined together in him,  
we may attain to the unity of the faith  
and grow up in all things into Christ, our Lord.  
And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf,  
and these grapes from many hills into one cup,  
grant, O Lord, that your whole church  
may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

### Institution and Invitation

Prayer after Communion (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**All: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity,

**who heals all your diseases,**

who redeems your life from the Pit,

**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Offertory Prayer for Family Assistance: Graham Rayburn

\* Hymn: “Father, We Give You Thanks”

**#816:1,3,4**

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: “To God Be the Glory”

**#956**

**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! Amen.**

\* Postlude: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” [#405]

Adian Mann