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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
CHURCH**
BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak 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 whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "***The Liturgical Elements of Worship***" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation
for Worship**

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

**Call to
Worship**

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We do not call ourselves. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

- Colossians 2:9-12

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: *Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

- Psalm 105:1-3

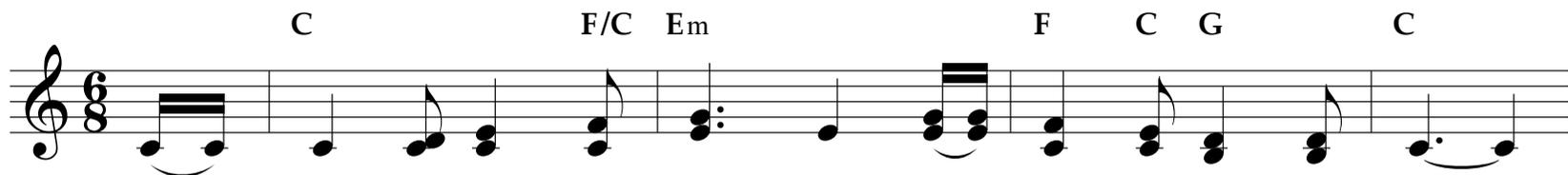
O God, to Us Show Mercy

LITTLE CHILDREN-PSALM 67

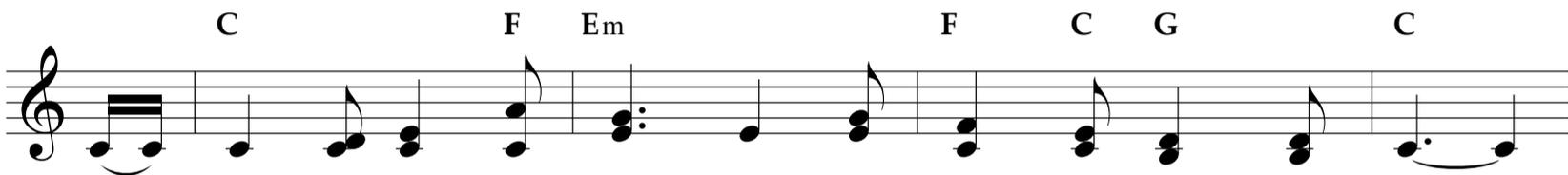
Welsh Hymn melody
Karen E. Smith

Hymn of Praise

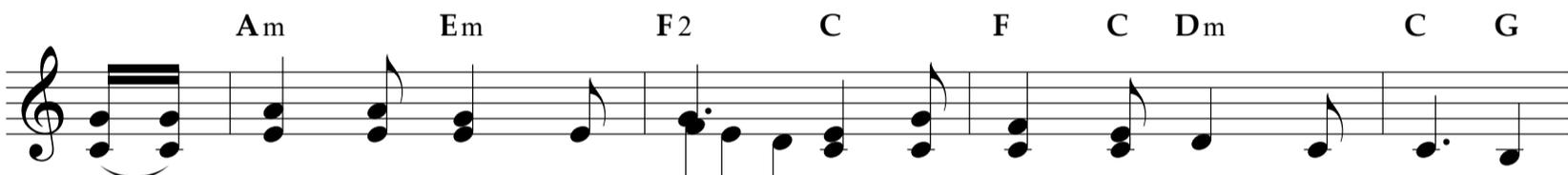
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



1.O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in Your grace;
2.O God let all men praise You, let all the na - tions sing;
3.O God, let peo - ple praise You, let all the na - tions sing;
4.Al - le - lu ia to the Fath - er, Al - le - lu - ia to the Son,



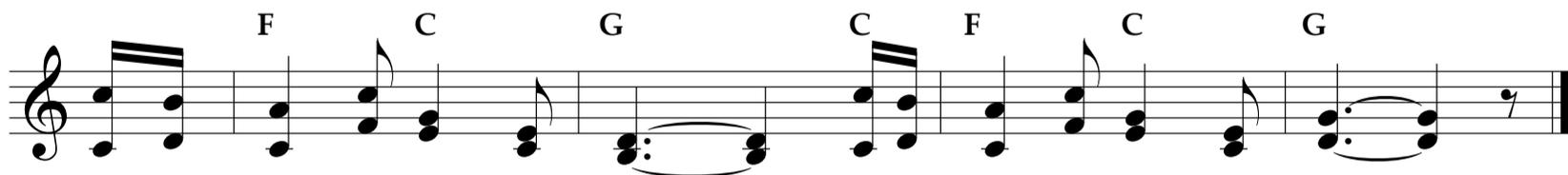
cause now to shine u - pon us the bright - ness of Your face;
in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring;
for earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring.
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Holy God the Three in One!



that so Your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
for You shall judge the peo - ple in truth and righ - teous - ness,
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send,
You are Al - pha and O - me - ga, Who Is and Is to come



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Your sav - ing grace be shown.
and through the earth the na - tions shall Your just rule con - fess.
and all the earth shall fear Him to its re - mot - est end.
to wipe a - way our tears and to bring us safe - ly home.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

Elder: *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

- James 4:1-4

Corporate Confession of Sin

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

All: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**Hymn of
Confession/
Lament**

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

COME YE SINNERS

Words by Joseph Hart
Music by Matthew Smith

1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
 2. Come ye sin - nee - dy, come and wel - come;
 3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy la - den,

weak and woun - ded, sick and sore.
 God's free and boun - ty, glor - i - fy:
 Bruised and bro - ken by the fall.

Je - sus, rea - dy, and stands to save you,
 True be - lief tar - ry and true till re - pen - tance,
 If you tar - ry till you're be - ter,

Full of pi - ty that joined with power.
 eve - ry grace ne - ver brings you at night.
 you will ne - ver come at all.

He - is a - - - ble,
 With - - - out the mon - ey,
 Not the right - eous,

He - is a - - - ble;
 with not - - - the right - ey - eous;

He is will - ing; Doubt no more.
 Come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 Sin - ners Je - sus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
 nor of fitness fondly dream.
 All the fitness He requires
 is to feel your need of Him.
 This He gives you, this He gives you,
 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
 pleads the merit of His blood.
 Venture on Him; venture wholly,
 Let no other trust intrude.
 None but Jesus, none but Jesus
 Can do helpless sinners good.

Elder: *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

- Colossians 2:13-15

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Assurance of Salvation

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Hymn of Faith

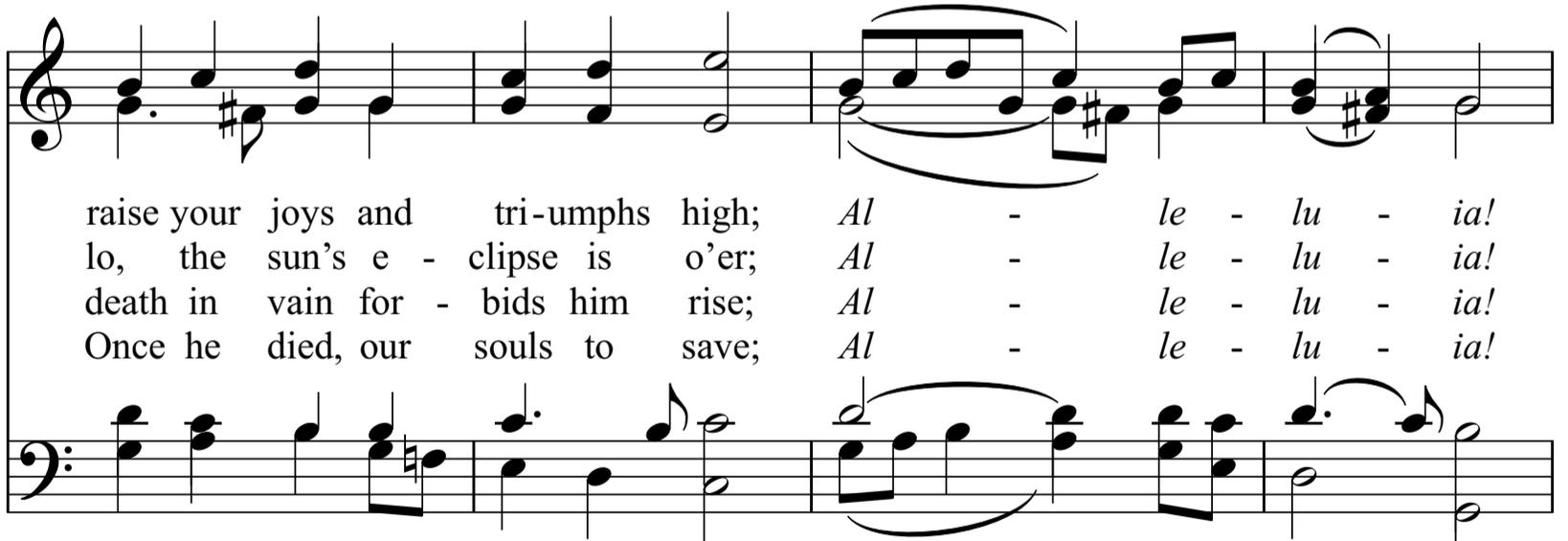
This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; *Al - le - lu - ia!*



sons of men and an - gels say; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath burst the gates of hell; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where, O death, is now thy sting? *Al - le - lu - ia!*



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, the sun's e - clipse is o'er; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 death in vain for - bids him rise; *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Once he died, our souls to save; *Al - le - lu - ia!*



sing ye heav'ns and earth re - ply. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 lo, he sheds his blood no more. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise. *Al - le - lu - ia!*
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? *Al - le - lu - ia!*

Scripture Reading

We read from both Old and New Testaments because they are not two different books but both are a part of God's unfolding plan of redemption.

Hymn of Preparation

This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.

Old Testament - Psalm 119:129-136

New Testament - Romans 6:1-14

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Baptized Into Your Holy Name

Johann J. Rambach, Tr. Catherine Winkworth, A D Raines

William B. Bradbury (My Hope is Built)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in columns corresponding to the musical phrases. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the final system.

1. Bap - tized in - to Your ho - ly name, O Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I
2. My lov - ing Fath - er, You have ta - ken me to be Your child and heir. My
3. And I have vowed to fear, to love, and to o - bey You, Lord, a - lone, be -
4. Your faith - ful word will ne - ver fail; Your cov' - nant sure - ly will a - bide. Oh,
5. All that I am and love most dear I of - fer now, O Lord, to You. Oh,
6. And ne - ver let my pur - pose fal - ter, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Oh,

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weak and low - ly place my claim a - mong Your seed, Your cho - sen host. Bu -
faith - ful Sav - ior, me You've giv'n Your righ - teous, ho - ly life to share. O
cause the Ho - ly Spi - rit moved, I dared to pledge my - self Your own. Re -
cast me not a - way from You, should I trans - gress it on my side! Though
let me make my vows sin - cere, and what I say, help me to do. Let
keep me faith - ful to Your al - tar, till You call me from my post. So

9
ried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spi - rit e'er shall live with - in. Your
Ho - ly Spi - rit, You will be a com - fort, guide, and help to me; a
noun - cing sin to keep the faith and war with e - vil un - to death; and
I have oft my soul de - filed, in love for - give, re - store Your child; in
naught with - in me, naught I own, serve a - ny will but Yours a - lone; serve
un - to You I live and die and praise You e - ver - more on high; and

13
Spi - rit e'er shall live with - in.
com - fort, guide, and help to me.
war with e - vil un - to death.
love for - give, re - store Your child.
a - ny will but Yours a - lone.
praise You e - ver - more on high.

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.

Confession of Faith

Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.

THE WALKING DEAD

Romans 6:1-14

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - baptism, death/dead/died, life/live/alive, sin, grace, united, gospel, power, God, Christ

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **We believe in one God:**

The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church, we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed
*catholic meaning universal**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the LORD.**

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Pastoral Prayer

We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

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!

Offertory/Hymn of Response

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

**Psalm 119 7 He
O Teach Me of Thy Statutes**

David P. Regier

HAMBURG

F Dm Bb C F Dm

O teach me of Thy stat - utes, Lord, That I may
 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands, For in their
 Keep from my eyes all worth - less things, And give me
 Lord, turn a - way my shame, my fear, For all Thy

Bb Dm C/E Dm F Bb

6

keep them all my days. Strength - en my mind to keep Thy
 path - way I de - light. In - cline my heart to Thy de -
 life in all Thy ways. And in Thy ser - vant, plant Thy
 judg - ments are found right. For all Thy pre - cepts have I

F Dm Bb F/A Bb C F

12

law, crees, word, longed; That And That In
 with my heart I know Thy way.
 keep de - cep - tion from my sight.
 I in rev - 'rence give give Thee praise.
 right - eous ness, Lord, give me life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

**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!**

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Pastor: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

- Romans 6:14, 16:20b

People: And also with you!

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word “worship”. There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ’s death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don’t we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don’t we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren’t just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice, or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&A 94

Q: What is baptism?

A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Wednesday

Sing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”.

Read Romans 6:8-10, 2 Timothy 2:11-13, and WSC 94.

What does it mean to be united to Christ in death? In life? How did death have dominion over Christ? Why doesn't it anymore? How did He die to sin? How does He live to God? How does this show our freedom from sin's power?

Monday

Sing Psalm 67.

Read Romans 6:1-2, 1 Peter 2:21-25, and WSC 94.

What is antinomianism? How could the question of Romans 6:1 be used by legalists? How does it relate to what Paul has already written? Why did God redeem us from sin? Are you tempted to be antinomian? Legalistic? How?

Thursday

Sing “Baptized Into Your Holy Name”.

Read Romans 6:11-13, James 4:1-4, and WSC 94.

What commands does Paul give in verses 11-13? Why does counting ourselves did to sin matter? What sinful passions are you tempted to obey? What is significant about the military language Paul uses? How can you present your members to God as instruments for righteousness?

Tuesday

Sing “Come Ye Sinners”.

Read Romans 6:3-7, Colossians 2:8-15, and WSC 94.

What is union with Christ? How are we united to Him? How does this relate to baptism? What is the “old man”? The “body of sin”? What does it mean we are dead to sin? How are we? What is newness of life? What challenges do you face walking in it?

Friday

Sing Psalm 119 - He.

Read Romans 6:1-14, Galatians 5:18-26, and WSC 94.

What does it mean to be under law? Under grace? Why is verse 14 a comforting promise? What work(s) of the flesh do you want to put to death? What fruit of the Spirit would you like to grow in? How does remembering and improving our baptism help us in sanctification?

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**MEETING
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