

October 31, 2021  
Hidden Treasures: Col. 2:1-7

## **GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

**Welcome - Mark  
Call to Worship**

**Opening Praise Song – How Great is Our God LUYH 574**

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

From age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, how great is our God! (2x)

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

How great are you, God!  
Sing with me: how great are you, God!  
And all will see how great, how great are you, God!

**“Our Old Testament Reading today is from: Psalm 119:89-103 ”**

**Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth,  
and it endures.

**Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.**

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

**I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.**

Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.

**The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes.**

To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless.

**Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.**

Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

**I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.**

I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

**I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.**

I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.

**How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

“The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.”

## **GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SINS**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, when we open our hearts before God, remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

Let's pray.

### **CONFESSION**

Father in heaven, it's your Word in Christ that forms our lives; but we have wandered away from your truth, we have broken your commandments, we have failed to trust your promises, and sometimes even we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends. Forgive us and ground us again, Holy God, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus.

God, we acknowledge that we often get distracted from spending time with you in your Word. Forgive our coldness and our thinking that we can make it through the day without paying attention to the Holy Spirit's teaching and guidance in all things. Guide us into all truth as we abide in Christ, study the scriptures and test the spirit of all teaching, to see if it is from You. Keep us steadfast in our faith, so that Christ may be reflected in us. Use us to His praise and glory, we ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Brothers and sisters, the good news is that God has forgiven our sins.

Christ has utterly wiped out the sin which hangs over our heads, and has rendered it powerless by nailing it over his own head on the cross.

In Christ, we have new life, and a chance to begin again.

Thanks be to God!

## **GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

New Testament Reading: Colossians 2: 1-7

**Message: “Why We Do This”**

## **GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE**

**Song of Response:** Jesus is Our King LUYH #602

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,  
singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free  
to proclaim the wondrous majesty of our Father in heaven.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,  
singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

We bear the name of Christ. Justified, we meet with him.  
His words and presence calm our fear, revealing God, our Father

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,  
singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Let kindred voices join, honouring the Lamb of God,  
who teaches us by bread and wine the mystery of his body

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,  
singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

Pour out your Spirit on us, empowering us to live as one,  
to carry your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to him,  
singing alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!

**Celebration of the Lord’s Table**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

**God Blesses Us**

**Benediction Song:** May the Mind of Christ My Saviour LUYH #334 vs. 1,2,5

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
live in me from day to day,  
by his love and power controlling  
all I do and say

May the word of God dwell richly  
in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph  
only through his power

May we run the race before us,  
strong and brave to face the foe,  
looking only unto Jesus  
as we onward go