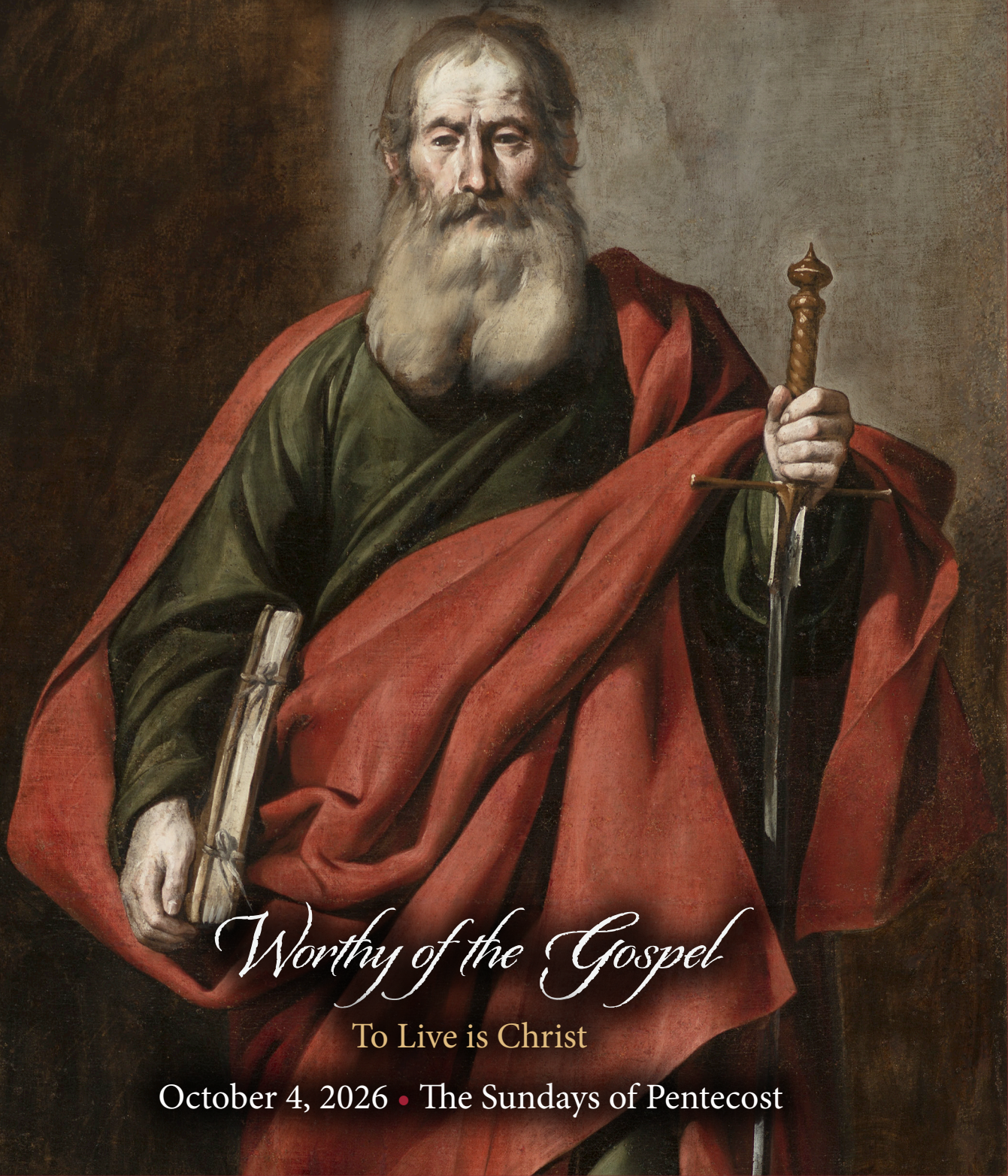




WALKER'S CHAPEL



Worthy of the Gospel

To Live is Christ

October 4, 2026 • The Sundays of Pentecost

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! **Amen**

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • We Come, O Christ, to You (Hymnal, 181)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Hear My Prayer

1. Hear my pray'r, O LORD, and an-swer me. I am poor and
2. You, O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my
need-y. Save my life for that You are the on-ly God,
pray'r. Teach Your way that I may walk in Your truth;
for to You I cry. You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy.
fix my heart to fear You.
Gra-cious are You, O God. Slow to an-ger, a-bound-ing in
faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in Your love.

Prayer of Confession • Phil 1:9-11; Col 1:9-10; Phil 1:15-17; Jas 3:14-16; Phil 1:27; Eph 4:1-3; Phil 1:6; Heb 12:1-2

Leader: Father, You have told us to let our love abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, yet our love is often shallow, undiscerning, and governed by our own desires.

People: We have failed to approve what is excellent and have settled for what is easy, comfortable, and pleasing to ourselves.

Leader: Your Word warns us against envy, rivalry, and selfish ambition, yet these sins still infect our hearts and even the good works we undertake in Your name.

People: We have sought our own recognition and compared ourselves with others rather than focusing on the honor of Christ.

Leader: You command us to live lives worthy of the gospel, standing firm in one spirit and striving together for the faith, yet we have been timid, divided, and concerned for our own interests.

People: We have allowed pride, fear, and selfishness to weaken our fellowship and our witness to the gospel.

Leader: Complete in us, O God, the good work You have begun. Make us pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness.

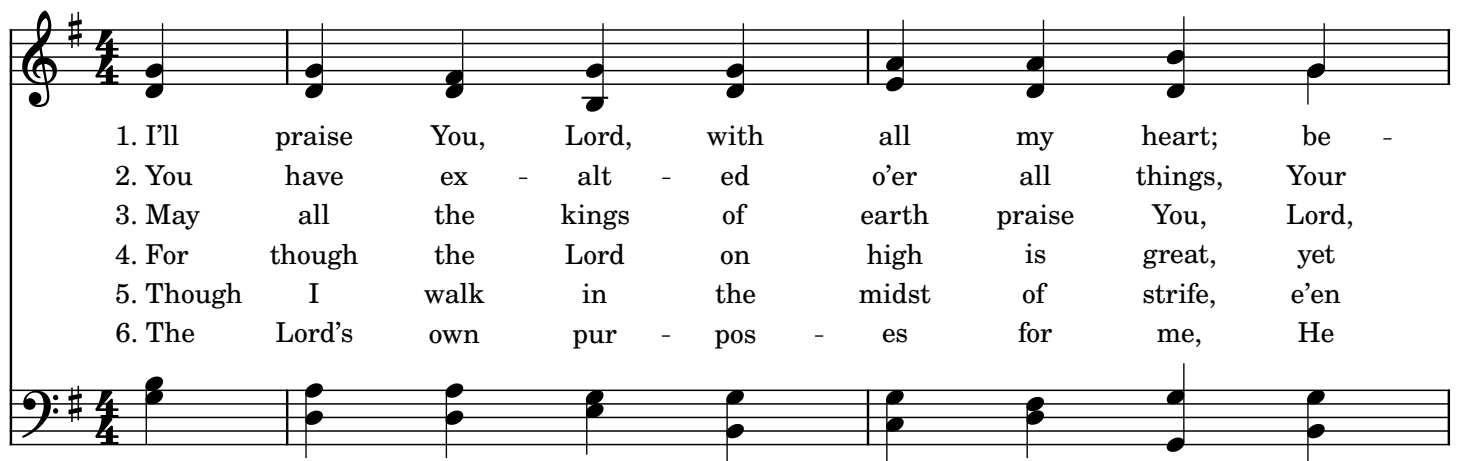
All: Fix our eyes upon Christ, that whether in comfort or suffering, in life or in death, we may live for His glory and stand together faithfully for Him. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

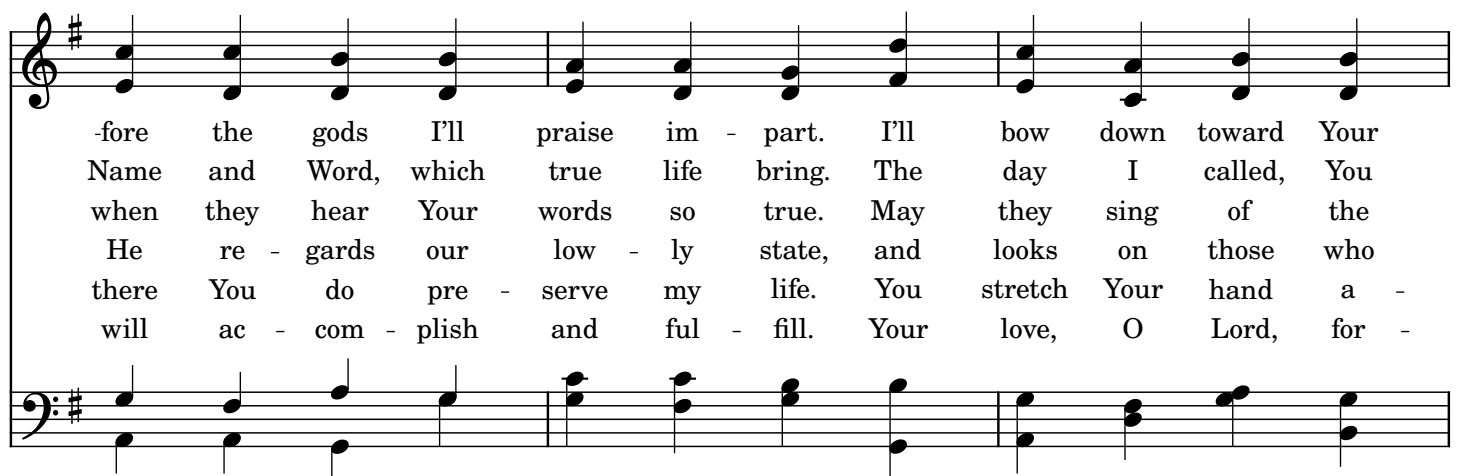
Assurance of Pardon • Romans 8:31-34

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” ***Amen***

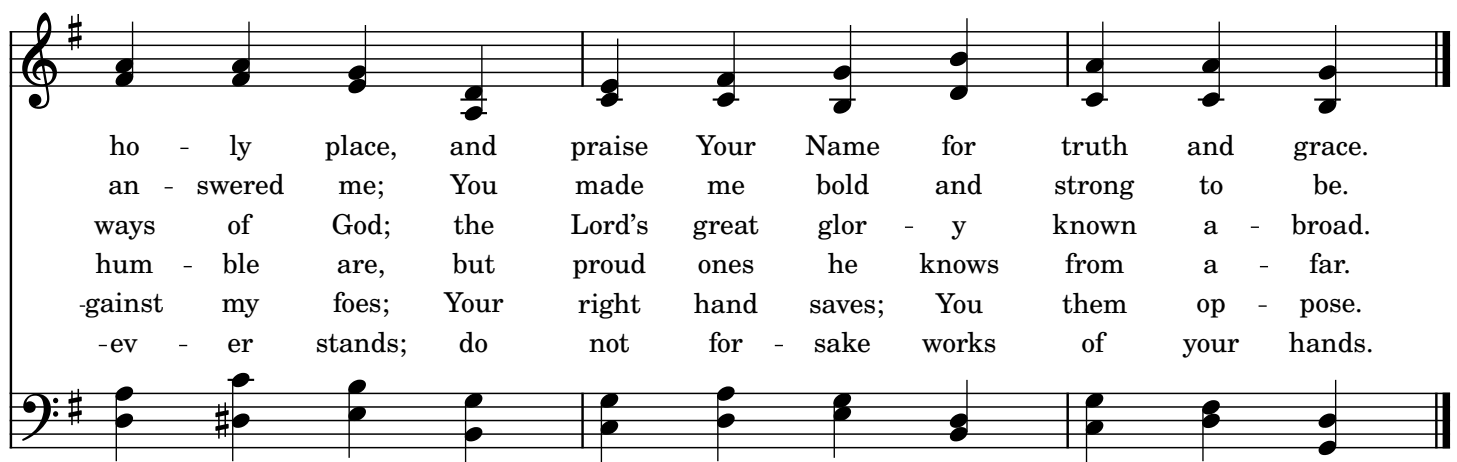
Psalm 138 • I'll Praise You, Lord



1. I'll praise You, Lord, with all my heart; be -
 2. You have ex - alt - ed o'er all things, Your
 3. May all the kings of earth praise You, Lord,
 4. For though the Lord on high is great, yet
 5. Though I walk in the midst of strife, e'en
 6. The Lord's own pur - pos - es for me, He



-fore the gods I'll praise im - part. I'll bow down toward Your
 Name and Word, which true life bring. The day I called, You
 when they hear Your words so true. May they sing of the
 He re - gards our low - ly state, and looks on those who
 there You do pre - serve my life. You stretch Your hand a -
 will ac - com - plish and ful - fill. Your love, O Lord, for -



ho - ly place, and praise Your Name for truth and grace.
 an - swered me; You made me bold and strong to be.
 ways of God; the Lord's great glor - y known a - broad.
 hum - ble are, but proud ones he knows from a - far.
 -gainst my foes; Your right hand saves; You them op - pose.
 -ev - er stands; do not for - sake works of your hands.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1837-1711

Music: Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567

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God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Philippians 1:1-26

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Sermon

To Live is Christ – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Adoration • More Love to Thee (Hymnal, 649)

Profession of Faith • The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1:

What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer:

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way that
without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. *Amen*
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.

Prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Petition

The Lord's 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

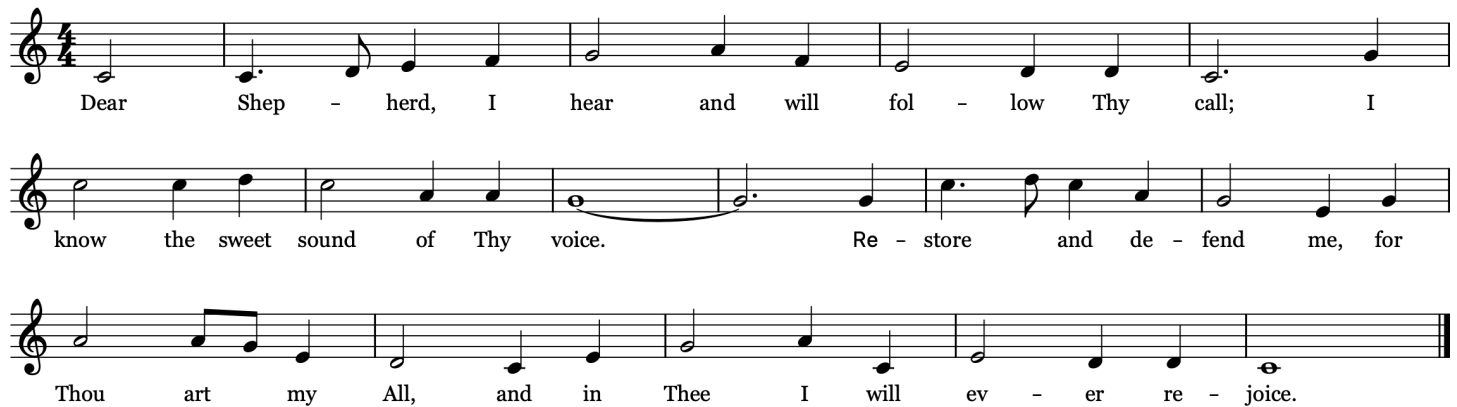
After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Faith • My Hope is Built (Hymnal, 521)

Benediction • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” *Amen*

O Thou in Whose Presence



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- **Tithes & Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



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