

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 67:1-4

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

Congregation: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

*** We Sing in Response:** #381 Red Hymnal "*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*"

*** We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Read from God's Law: Genesis 2:15-17

We Confess Our Sins Together: Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
– *The Book of Common Worship*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Acts 4:12

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #406 Black Hymnal "*Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 7. Question#21

Pastor: *What is true faith?*

Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me³ by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Installation of Officers: RE Aaron Kelley ('29), DE Mark Johnson ('29), DE JD Wahrman ('29)

We Read From God's Word: Romans 1:8-23

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 8:27 *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: "*All Sufficient Merit*," sung by the Vocal Ensemble

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** Handout "*How Great is the Greatness of God*"

1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays: children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Children are reunited with their parents at the time of the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 28:1-10

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Paul, Shipwrecked at Malta*" - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #616 Red Hymnal "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Acts 28:1-10
“Paul, Shipwrecked at Malta”
03-08-26

Proposition: When we find ourselves in adverse situations, God works on behalf of His promises with His powerful healing presence to reveal His glory.

Main Point One: The People of Malta

Sub Point One: Paul’s “Safe” Arrival

Sub Point Two: The Native People’s “Unusual Kindness”

Sub Point Three: The Situation... “Cold and Wet” day

Main Point Two: Paul’s Adversity at Malta

Sub Point One: “Snakebitten” by a Viper

Sub Point Two: The People’s Response... “Justice”

Sub Point Three: Paul’s Condition... “Suffered No Harm”

Sub Point Four: The People “Change their Minds”

Main Point Three: Paul’s Ministry at Malta

Sub Point One: The “Chief Man” of Malta

Sub Point Two: Publius’ Father’s Illness

Sub Point Three: Publius and the Sick Healed

Sub Point Four: The People’s “Great Honor”