

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude

Welcome & call to worship

Choral introit “Sing a New Song to God” Bylsma

(Please join in singing the refrain at the director’s signal.)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Sing a new song to God.

***Opening hymns**

#253:1,3,4 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#188:1,2 “Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

(Ushers available for seating)

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Time of confession

Scripture readings:

Hebrews 13:17; I Timothy 2:1,2

Prayer

Anthem “Create In Me” Gerike

Words of assurance: Psalm 130:3,4,7,8

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. We put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is great power to redeem.

Call to holy living: I Peter 2:13-17

Morning prayer: Wayne Joose

Pastoral Blessing

(Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted to Children in Worship)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7, Isaiah 2:1-5

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Message: Using the Sword

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn #600 “Christ Is the World’s True Light”**

Our gifts to the Lord: Ministries of Brookside and Faith Promise

Offertory

***God's blessing**

***Closing song #410:3**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Postlude

Members are invited to vote on the proposed 2008 budget immediately following the service. Ballots are available in the friendship registry at the end of the pews.

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Organist: Bev Becksvoort;

Pianists: Annette Cooke, Janet Vroegop

Ministry of music: Senior Choir

Trumpet: Ryan Musch

Romans 13:1-7

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Isaiah 2:4-5

⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.