

THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2015

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

PRELUDE

What God Ordains Is Always Good

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 16: 9-11

ADORATION

†I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymn 6

ELLACOMBE

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Matthew 5:1–12

The congregation will read text in italics.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

⁴ *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

⁵ *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

⁶ *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

⁷ *“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

⁸ *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹ *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

¹⁰ *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Psalm 16:9–11

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

¹¹ *“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

†Doxology

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Hymn 323

ARISE

THANKSGIVING

At Calvary

Vocal Solo
Ranae Worrell

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession & Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

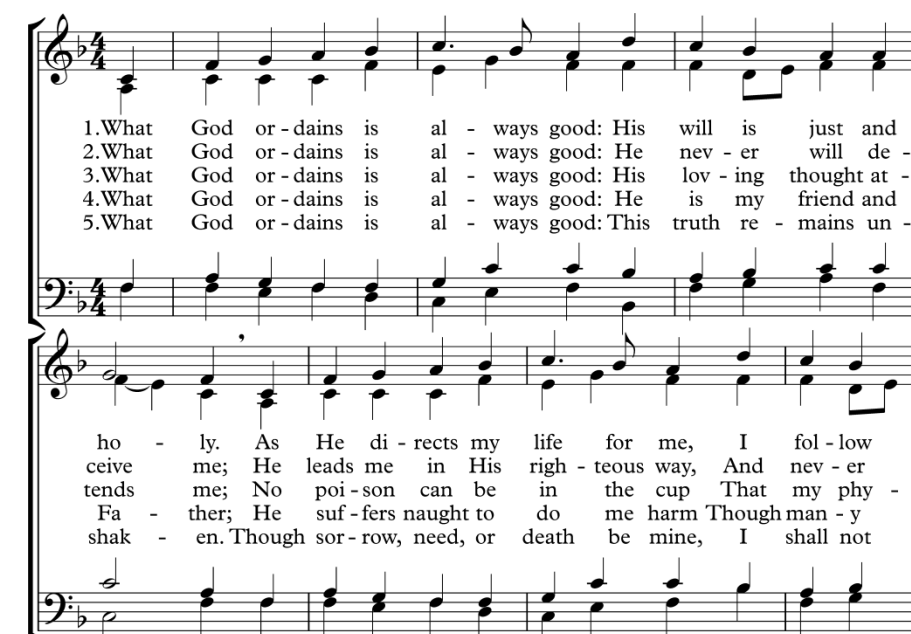
1 Thessalonians 3

What God Ordains is Always Good

Hymn

Text: Samuel Rodigast (1649–1708); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Tune: WAS GOTT TUT, (8.7.8.7.4.4.7.7.), Servus Gastorius (1646-1682)



1. What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is just and
 2. What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er will de -
 3. What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing thought at -
 4. What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my friend and
 5. What God or - dains is al - ways good: This truth re - mains un -

ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me, I fol - low
 ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way, And nev - er
 tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup That my phy -
 Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm Though man - y
 shak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, I shall not



mee - k and low - ly. My God in - deed In ev - 'ry need Knows
 will He leave me. I take con - tent What He has sent; His
 si - cian sends me. My God is true; Each morn - ing new I
 storms may gath - er. Now I may know Both joy and woe; Some -
 be for - sak - en. I fear no harm, For with His arm, He

well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.
 hand that sends me sad - ness Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 trust His grace un - end - ing, My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 day I shall see clear - ly That He has loved me dear - ly.
 shall em - brace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

THE SERMON

Facing Persecution as Jesus' Witnesses
 Acts 4:23-31

†Only Trust Him

Hymn 328
 STOCKTON

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM



Facing Persecution as Jesus' Witnesses— ACTS 4:23-31

Greg Stiekes

As the mission of Jesus advances in the book of Acts we note the growing persecution of Jesus' witnesses. Today we have all contemplated the growing threat of persecution for believers and wondered how we would respond if our lives or our families were threatened on account of our testimony for Christ. This text directly answers this question by assuring us of the divine resources we can rely on when we must suffer on behalf of Christ.

1. The Sovereignty of God

- a. God creates.
- b. God governs.
- c. God predetermines.

2. The Strength of God.

The strength which God supplies through Christ equips the believer with remarkable blessings:

- a. Perseverance in Ministry
- b. Boldness in Witness

3 The Presence of God.

The presence of God offers several comforting assurances:

- a. God hears us.
- b. God knows our trial.
- c. God works through us.



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
 Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
 Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month & no evening service.
 Wednesday Evenings: Awana, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study
 Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY---Watchmen's Meeting at 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY - Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
 Summer Series will begin Wed. June 3

NEXT SUNDAY--May 31 Homeschool Graduation at Bethany Bible Church for Paula Robertson and Caroline Stiekes at 3:00 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6--Skeet Shooting at 10:00 am

SUNDAY, JUNE 7--Combined Sunday School/Prayer Service
 We will recognize recent high school graduates and have a special time of prayer focusing on our young people and college age adults.

MUSIC CAMP--JUNE 15--19 "The Music of the Seas"

	May 17	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$2,261	\$3,725	\$66,668	\$74,500
Missions	\$231		\$3,887	
Deacons Fund			\$3,397	
Building Fund	\$50		\$1,925	\$46,593

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK

Q. Who is Jesus Christ?

A. Jesus Christ is the only Son of God and the only Savior of sinners. To know Him by grace through faith is to know God the Father. **John 14:6** --Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."(801)