



West End
presbyterian church

**The Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost: Ordinary Time**

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

BETWEEN THE DEAD AND THE LIVING

"Christ makes intercession,
by His appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven,
in the merit of His obedience and sacrifice on earth,
declaring His will to have it applied to all believers;
answering all accusations against them,
and procuring for them quiet of conscience,
notwithstanding daily failings,
access with boldness to the throne of grace,
and acceptance of their persons and services."

--*Westminster Larger Catechism*, 55

"Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit."
--*Isaiah 27:6*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 84:1-2,10,12. A Psalm of
the Sons of Korah.*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

For a day in Your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in You!

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD



Be-fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with-
Be-hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per-fect, spot - less Right-eous-

plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up-ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be-cause the sin - less Sav-ior died, my sin-ful soul is count-ed
grace! One with Him - self I can-not die, my soul is pur-chased by His

heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the Just, is sat - is - fied, to look on
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me. To look on Him and par - don me.
Sav-ior and my God. With Christ my Sav-ior and my God.

*"These are they
which follow
the Lamb... they
are without fault
before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-6*

Charitie Lees
Bancroft (1863);
Tune: Hubert Parry
(1916).
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Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online or paper Keep in Touch form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

Presentation of New Member (10:30 am)

Cora Snyder

Covenant BAPTISMS (10:30 am)

Shiloh Elizabeth Thomas & Elijah Roger Thomas

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-9

Read by Laney Sanchez,
WEPC supported
missions partner,
serving with InterVarsity at
Randolph-Macon College

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

OFFERING

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you miss today's offering, please visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

NOTHING TO FEAR

"Fear not, for I am
with you."
Isaiah 41:10

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VERSE



1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you,
2. In the depths of your sor - row, I wept be - side you.



and the depths of the ri - vers shall not ov - er - whelm.
When you walked through the shad - ow, I drew you near.



When you walk through the fi - re, you will not be
Yest - er - day, to - day, to - mor - row, al - ways the

REFRAIN



burned: I am the Lord, I am the Lord. And there is nothing to fear,
same, I am the Lord. I am the Lord. And there is



noth - ing to fear, there is noth - ing to fear, noth - ing to fear, for I am

BRIDGE



with you al - ways. What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect



love? What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love?



What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love? Do not fear.



Do not fear. Do not fear.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"
Matthew 19:14

Children, age 4 through 1st grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. www.wepc.org/grow/children

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (10:30am)

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GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for children. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gath-er'round, ye child-ren, come. Lis-ten to the old, old

sto-ry of the pow'r of death un-done by an In-fant born of glo-ry. Son of

God, Son of Man.

SCRIPTURE Reading

^{17:1}The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel, and get from them staffs, one for each fathers’ house, from all their chiefs according to their fathers’ houses, twelve staffs. Write each man’s name on his staff, ³and write Aaron’s name on the staff of Levi. For there shall be one staff for the head of each fathers’ house. ⁴Then you shall deposit them in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. ⁵And the staff of the man whom I choose shall sprout. Thus I will make to cease from me the grumblings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against you.” ⁶Moses spoke to the people of Israel. And all their chiefs gave him staffs, one for each chief, according to their fathers’ houses, twelve staffs. And the staff of Aaron was among their staffs. ⁷And Moses deposited the staffs before the LORD in the tent of the testimony. ⁸On the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds. ⁹Then Moses brought out all the staffs from before the LORD to all the people of Israel. And they looked, and each man took his staff. ¹⁰And the LORD said to Moses, “Put back the staff of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept as a sign for the rebels, that you may make an end of their grumblings against me, lest they die.” ¹¹Thus did Moses; as the LORD commanded him, so he did. ¹²And the people of Israel said to Moses, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. ¹³Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, shall die. Are we all to perish?”

Numbers 17:1-13

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media>.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*1 Timothy 3:9;
1 Corinthians
5:7-8, 10:16-17,
15:3-4; from
the Book of
Common Prayer*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

Heavenly Father, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, we have been granted full access to enter into Your presence, to truly worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Yet, there is a terrible coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, a lack of love for our neighbor, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near, Good Lord, and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that renews the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the Cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 7:26-27

Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion

Cora Snyder (10:30 AM)

Cora Snyder recently met with the Elders, who heard her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Snyder family to receive communion first. West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. The Elders presiding over the Supper are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

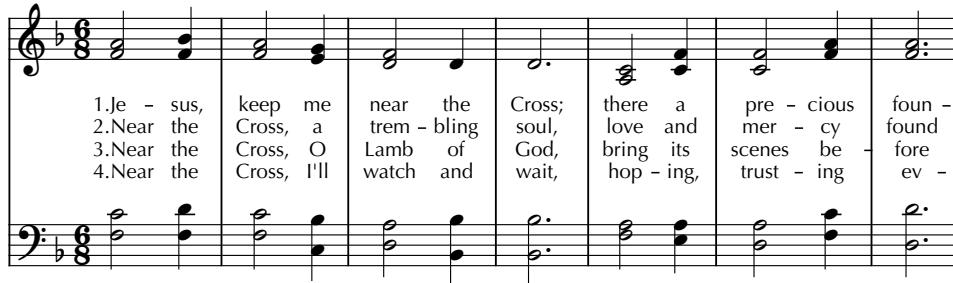
At the center aisle station, wine and grape juice with gluten-free wafers are available in double cups. The gluten-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Juice is in the purple cup. Wine is in the clear cup. At all the other stations, grape juice is in purple cups, wine is in the clear cups on the outer ring of the tray, and gluten-free bread is served alongside. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see www.wepc.org/communion.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

VERSE



1. Je - sus, keep me near the Cross; there a pre - cious foun -
 2. Near the Cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found
 3. Near the Cross, O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore
 4. Near the Cross, I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev -

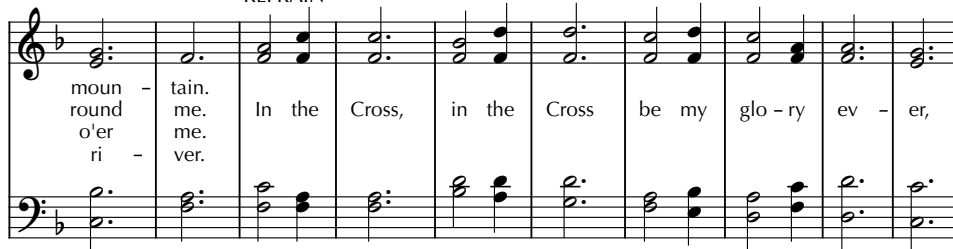
"Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Galatian 6:14

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tain, free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's
 me; there the me, Bright and Mor - ning Star shed its beams a -
 me. Help til I walk from the day to day strand with its sha -
 er; er, reach the gol - den just be yond the

REFRAIN



moun - tain. In the Cross, in the Cross be my glo - ry ev - er,
 round me. me. ver.
 o'er me. ver.



til my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the ri - ver.

*"At that time I will gather
you; at that time I will
bring you home. I will
give you honor and praise
among all the peoples of
the earth when I restore
your fortunes before your
very eyes," says the LORD."
Zephaniah 3:20*

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GATHER THEM IN

VERSE



1. We wait for You to tes - ti - fy _____ to hold the
2. Sing out, sing out you daughters of Zi-on, _____ and shout a -

king - doms to a - ccount. _____ Your right - eous
loud, O ls - ra - el. _____ Be glad, re -

jus - tice shall not fail, _____ all those who
joy with all your heart, _____ He has re -

REFRAIN

trust in Your name. You will ga - ther them in, You will
moved your pun - ish - ment. He will ga - ther us in, He will

bring, bring them home. King of all Kings, Lord of all _____ Lords.
bring, bring us home. King of all Kings, Lord of all _____ Lords.

YOUR GREAT NAME

"At the name of
Jesus every knee
should bow"
Philippians 2:10

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VERSE



1. Lost are saved, ___ find their way, ___ at the sound
2. All the weak ___ find their strength ___ at the sound ___



___ of Your great Name. All con-demned ___ feel no
___ of Your great Name. Hun-gry souls ___ re-ceive



shame ___ at the sound ___ of Your great Name. Ev - 'ry
grace at the sound ___ of Your great Name. The fa - ther -



fear has no place at the sound ___ of Your great
- less find their rest at the sound ___ of Your great



Name. The e ne - my, ___ has to ___ flee at the sound ___
Name. Sick are healed, ___ dead are ___ raised at the sound ___

REFRAIN



___ of Your great Name. Je - sus, wor-thy is the Lamb that was
___ of Your great Name.



slain for us, Son of God and man. You are high and lif-ted up, that



all the world will praise Your great Name, Your great Name.

DOXOLOGY

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

Text: Thomas Ken
(1709) Tune: OLD
HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean?

It's derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the the Lord's Supper. ***Elder B-J Huff*** led worship. ***Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Buddy Miner, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, and Paul Cho*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Tim Drummond and Chris Malak*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Cody Hahn*** managed the in-house video system.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

- **August 18, 25:** The Life of Jesus
Join us as we study the life of Christ. We will use videos from the great 20th century theologian RC Sproul's "Dust to Glory"
- **September 9, 15, 22:** Modern Discipleship
Join us as we hear testimonies, look at scripture, and consider the simplicity and intention of discipleship between believers.

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 10*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 11*

Join us as we listen and engage with the words of Jesus in Matthew 5-7 in the Sermon on the Mount! Each week we will ponder how Jesus's description of His Kingdom invites us to reconsider our needs, our relationships, and our place in the Kingdom of God.

Register now. Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

Fall Wednesday Night Fellowship

GREATER: A Study of the Letter of Colossians

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays beginning September 11

6-7:30 PM / Chapel

Join us as we study the New Testament letter to the Colossians and see how Jesus is greater than everything: He gives us new life and a new community. Led by Kevin Greene and Becca Wethered. Contact Kevin (kevin@wepc.org) with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

ESL Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays at 6-8PM or Thursdays at 9:30-11:30AM
Beginning Sep 17

Join us as we teach English and share the love of Jesus and with our neighbors in a variety of volunteer roles such as ESL teachers, Kid's Club volunteers, and nursery workers - no teaching experience needed! Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays

*No Sunday School TODAY due to Teacher Training

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade)

**Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)*

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School, serve in the nursery, lead Children's Worship, and help with Kid's Club. Training is provided! Visit our [webiste](http://www.wepc.org) for more information on each volunteer need. Contact: Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Welcome Opedun Family!

Boaz & Jenna Ruth Opedun (together with their children) are visiting from Uganda and will be our WEPC Missionaries in Residence for the next six months. The Opeduns serve as missionaries with WEPC Missions Partner SERGE, and we are so grateful to hear more about what God is doing through their work in Uganda during their time with us. If anyone is willing to donate gift cards, for groceries or gas during their stay, please contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org).

STEP Ministry's Jobs for Life Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays / Sept-Dec 2024 / 6-8PM

Jobs for Life is a biblically-based, 10-week, job-readiness class. We pair each student with a mentor to walk with them through the class, providing encouragement and accountability. Can't commit to a weekly class? Jobs for Life also needs instructors, mock interviewers, professional partners/business owners, resume editors, and meal providers. Learn more at our website.

WEPC Short Term Missions Opportunities

- **Missionary Kid VBS, England:**

October 27-31, 2024

Join our WEPC supported mission partners serving in the United Kingdom by helping to run a child and youth program to assist with the Serge UK Field retreat in Creaton, Northamptonshire. (Adults, 18+) Engage the children with the Gospel, prayer, crafts, and games. In partnership with WEPC sister church, Sycamore PCA (Midlothian). Cost: \$680 + airfare. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge
- **Parent/Student Games:** August 21 / 6-8:30PM
- **Middle School Modgnik:** September 6-8
Register Now!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Jon Greenhill, Sean Winterhalter, Luke Shrader,
& Bryce Allison

WEPC Small Groups: Enrollment Open!

Please consider joining a Small Group this Fall! Home groups are a great way to make a big church smaller, meet people, and get into the Word. Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org) for more information.

DivorceCare Mens Group Fall 2024

Beginning Sep 3 / Tuesdays / 7-8:30 PM / Chapel
Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. The program includes video teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers, and pastors, group discussion and personal Bible study. There is no charge for attending; however, we will ask for donations of \$15.00 to help reimburse for materials. Child care will not be provided. Register at www.divorcecare.org/findagroup, and click on the "More Info" tab for West End Presbyterian Church. Contact: Bryan Finch (Bryanfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com)

Register Now! Barnabas Basic Training

November 9 / 9AM-4PM / Community West
Join us for an introduction to the foundational principles of The Barnabas Model, which considers the human heart and human relationships within a Biblical framework. Barnabas staff counselors offer lectures that explore our longings as human beings, our inherent dignity and depravity, our efforts to manage our inevitable disappointments, and the hope that the love of God brings to the broken world. Cost \$110 with optional lunch purchase for \$15 - register now. Scholarships and ministry rates available. Contact: Kim Johnson (kjohnson@barnabasrva.org)

WEPC Camping Trip at Sherando Lake

September 13-15

Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and adventure as we camp in the great outdoors and fellowship together! \$55/family. Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

CANCELLED:

Intergenerational Ministry Testimonies

August 18 / 12 PM / Room 810

More information coming soon!

Prayer & Support Group

Email pray4fam@wepc.org for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/11/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$203,514.26

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$265,810.63

% of expected budget received: 76.56%

Goochland County Church Plant

www.cultivategoochland.com

Help plant a PCA church in Goochland County this coming year! Please consider joining Joe Brown and family in making this new church a reality in one of three ways: (1) Praying for this work. (2) Giving financially to this work.

(3) Telling others about this work. To learn more, visit our website at cultivategoochland.com.

Contact: Pastor & Church Planter, Joe Brown (joe@cultivategoochland.com).

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

Please continue to check our weekly list or join a Food Item Team to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

WEPC COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

www.wepc.org/preschool

We're hiring!

If you love Jesus and love working with young children, consider joining the Preschool staff. Visit our [employment website](#) or contact Casey (casey@wepc.org).

Enrollment Still Open

We'd love for your 1-5 year olds to join us for the upcoming school year! Enrollment packets available in person and on our [enrollment website](#).

Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!

Date: _____

Name:_____

Children’s Names:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ ZIP:_____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Who invited you to WEPC? How did you first hear about us?

◇ Check if this is NEW contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Visitor | Age: |
| ◇ Male | ◇ 20 or younger |
| ◇ Female | ◇ 21-26 |
| ◇ Single | ◇ 27-34 |
| ◇ Student (Grade ____) | ◇ 35-49 |
| ◇ Student (College) | ◇ 50-64 |
| ◇ Married | ◇ 65 and older |
| ◇ Parent | |
| ◇ Widowed | |

I would like info about:

- ◇ WEPC
- ◇ Women’s Ministry
- ◇ Men’s Ministry
- ◇ Childrens Ministry
- ◇ Youth Ministry
- ◇ Adult Classes
- ◇ Home Groups
- ◇ Neighborhood Outreach
- ◇ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ◇ Other:_____

◇ Please include me on the WEPC email list.

◇ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

Prayer Requests:

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and forgiving me. I run from my sins—my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.