Q. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?
A. First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

Q. How does Christ’s return “to judge the living and the dead” comfort you?
A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 50, 51, 52

* The Response: Lift Up Your Hearts 772:1,2,4
“My Hope I’m Built on Nothing Less”

The Pastoral Prayer
Prayer will be concluded by sung prayer for illumination

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o’er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

LUH 737: 1,4

* The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 224
“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

* The Greeting


* The Prayer for a Blessing on the Word

* The Benediction
