

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

January 9, 2022

The Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Salutation

Jude 1:1-2

¹ To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: ² May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

The Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 34

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Psalm #22B

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

1. All you that fear Jehovah's name,
his glory tell, his praise proclaim;
you children of his chosen race,
stand now in awe before his face,
stand now in awe before his face.
2. The suffering One he has not spurned,
who unto him for help has turned;
from him he has not hid his face,
but answered his request in grace,
but answered his request in grace.
3. O Lord, your goodness makes me raise
amid your people songs of praise;
before all them that fear you, now
I worship you and pay my vow,
I worship you and pay my vow.
4. For all the meek you will provide,
they shall be fed and satisfied;
all they that seek the Lord shall live
and never-ending praises give,
and never-ending praises give.
5. The Lord's unfailing righteousness
all generations shall confess;
from age to age shall men be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

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The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Based on Isaiah 59:1-6

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. They weave the spider's web but their webs will not serve as clothing; men will not cover themselves with what they make. Their works are works of iniquity.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have not loved our enemies, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, soul, mind, or strength. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Wash and cleanse us in the blood of Your dear son, and grant that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Based on Isaiah 53

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities...All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all...He was cut off out of the land of the living...and they made his grave with the wicked...Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see light and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Hymn #280

Wondrous King All Glorious

1. Wondrous King, all glorious,
sov'reign Lord victorious.
oh, receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness
tho' we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now;
let our tongues be singing,
thee our praises bringing.
2. Heavens, spread the story
of our Maker's glory,
all the pomp of earth obscuring,
Sun, thy rays be sending,
thy bright beams expending,
light to all the earth assuring.
Moon and star, praise afar
him who glorious made you;
the vast heavens aid you.

3. O my soul, rejoicing,
sing, thy praises voicing,
sing, with hymns of faith adore him!
All who here have being,
shout, your voices freeing,
bow down in the dust before him.
He is God Sabaoth;
praise alone the Savior,
here and there forever.

4. Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender,
ye who know and love the Savior.
Hallelujahs sing ye,
ye redeemed, oh, bring ye
hearts that yield him glad behavior.
Blest are ye endlessly;
sinless there forever,
ye shall laud him ever.

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The Prayer of the Church
Psalm 5:1-2

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. ² Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Unison Response:

Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of your Word. We praise you for revealing Christ by promise and shadow in these pages. Help us to understand these words, for your name's sake. Amen.

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Unison Response:

Our Father, we have heard wonderful things out of your Word. We praise you for revealing Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and ask you to give us your Spirit so that we may understand the fullness of your truth. Amen.

The Sermon

Shane Rosenthal

The Thing of First Importance

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Hymn #282

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3. Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.
4. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.
5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

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The Confession of Faith
The Belgic Confession Article 20

Unison:

We believe that God — who is perfectly merciful and also very just — sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-

The Closing Meditation

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Doxology #213

Glory Be to God the Father

1. Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to him alone.

2. Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from all sin and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Lamb that once was slain!

3. Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the church's King,
glory to the King of nations;
heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
To the King of glory sing!

4. "Glory, blessing, praise eternal!"
Thus the choir of angels sings.
"Honor, glory, power, dominion!"
Thus its praise creation brings.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the mighty King of kings!

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