

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, March 4, 2018

*How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. ... For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.* (Psalm 36:7,9)

[\* indicates standing]

**Prelude:** [Welcome, Announcements]

**Preparation for Worship:** Silent Prayer

\***The Call to Worship** (see above)

\***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124:8):

*"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"*

\***God's Greeting to His People**

\***Psalm of Response** Psalter-Hymnal #314 (all)

\***Opening Prayer**

**God's Law** Deuteronomy 5:6-21

**Prayer of Confession and Praise**

(God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 19)

\***Psalm of Praise** Psalter-Hymnal #29 (1,2,3)

**Confession of Faith** (see bulletin)

**Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving**

\***Song of Preparation** Psalter-Hymnal #184 (all)

**Prayer for God's blessing on His Word**

**Scripture Reading:** John 6:32-51

**Sermon (Rev. Grossmann):** **John 6:35**

\***Respond in Song** Psalter-Hymnal #377 (1,2,3)

\***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

\***(Moment of Silent Meditation)**

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Sermon: **John 6:35**

*Union with Christ is essential to salvation.*

We see:

1. The Bread of Life comes from heaven.
2. Union with Christ is through faith.
3. Eating and drinking Christ is union with Him through faith in His Word.

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,  
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

## The Heidelberg Catechism

**29. Q.** Why is the Son of God called *Jesus*, that is, *Savior*?

**A.** Because He saves us from all our sins,[1] and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.[2]

[1] *Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25. [2] Is. 43:11; John 15:4, 5; Acts 4:11, 12; 1 Tim. 2:5.*

**30. Q.** Do those believe in the only Savior Jesus who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, in themselves, or anywhere else?

**A.** No. Though they boast of Him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus.[1] For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in Him all that is necessary for their salvation.[2]

[1] *1 Cor. 1:12, 13; Gal. 5:4. [2] Col. 1:19, 20; 2:10; 1 John 1:7.*

**60. Q.** How are you righteous before God?

**A.** Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.[1] Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them,[2] and am still inclined to all evil,[3] yet God, without any merit of my own,[4] out of mere grace,[5] imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.[6] He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me,[7] if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.[8]

[1] *Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8, 9; Phil. 3:8-11. [2] Rom. 3:9, 10.*

[3] *Rom. 7:23. [4] Deut. 9:6; Ezek. 36:22; Tit. 3:4, 5. [5] Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8.*

[6] *Rom. 4:3-5; II Cor. 5:17-19; I John 2:1, 2. [7] Rom. 4:24, 25; II Cor. 5:21.*

[8] *John 3:18; Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 3:22.*

**61. Q.** Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

**A.** Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God.[1] I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.[2]

[1] *1 Cor. 1:30, 31; 2:2. [2] Rom. 10:10; 1 John 5:10-12.*

## CALENDAR

- Sundays: 10:00 AM—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship—Fellowship in food, singing, prayer, study.
- Wednesday's (5:45 PM at school)—Catechism class (**No Class for now**)
- Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; at school, 6: 00-8:00 PM  
[“Theology” is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER:** (*Email your requests for prayer!*)  
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country and government.
- Pray for persecuted church in the world.

Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on table).
- God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.  
God's blessing to the Burrell's as they manage their school here.  
Wisdom and encouragement for Sharilyn in teaching LPN class.  
Dave and family; in his work at FPL.
- Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- Pastor Poettcker's work in school & Church in Suriname;  
Lord willing, returning March 15.
- Hicks and Leonards (as members who are away from us).
- LOVED ONES:  
Jason Donnan; safety in driving and his two jobs with studies.  
Jonathan Dunham; stability and direction.  
Karissa & family; recovering from car accident (& spir. health).  
Bonnie (Mrs. Dunham's friend); ongoing severe health issues.  
Strelecki's (Steve, challenges at work; Sheryl to find work).
- HEALTH: .

Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.

- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid);  
Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters; recovery, to gain strength).
- Rev Gibson (restoration/healing).
- Modolo's in Italy (close business, teaching grandchildren)

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- The RCM Board and Education Committee.
- All involved in the ministry of RCM; students in College & Seminary.
- On-going work to complete Seminary courses.

## THE KING'S REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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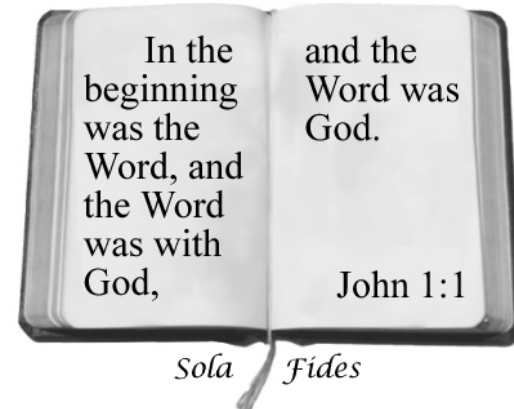
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*Sola Gratia Sola Scriptura*



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**Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.  
Lord's Day, March 4, 2018**



March 4, 2018; Malabar, FL  
Text: John 6:27-69; S.R.: Same

## I AM THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

**INTRO:** Dear Congregation: Among the central statements of "I AM" of Christ is the statement, "I am the bread of life, the bread that has come down from heaven." This is clearly a metaphor, a statement to be taken spiritually and not literally, especially when later in this chapter He adds the metaphor of eating His flesh and drinking His blood as part of the same metaphor. This idea of eating Christ as "bread" or even more shockingly of eating His flesh and drinking His blood speaks most dramatically about UNION with Christ as the basic necessity for our salvation. WE ARE WHAT WE EAT, what we eat becomes part of us and we become part of what we eat. IT is this spiritual union with Christ that is central to HOW faith in Christ saves us. By faith we are united to Christ so that what belongs to Him, His righteousness, is ours, and what belongs to us, our sin, then belongs to Christ in such a literal way that He can and does die for our sins. Since sin is spiritual and not physical evil, and so is forgiveness, we need to be spiritually united to Christ. Therefore the metaphor of eating and drinking fits very well to show us the necessity of being united to Christ, which we are told several times here in John 6, is accomplished by faith. NOW, just as the idea of Christ as our Shepherd begins in the Old Testament, so does union with another by eating and drinking also begin there. The children of Israel were given Manna, bread from heaven, to sustain them during their wanderings in the wilderness, and that Manna was a type, an OT picture of the true bread from heaven, who is Christ. Let us note: 1) Bread From Heaven that gives Life. 2) Union with Christ is what this is all about, and, 3) This union is created by faith in His words.

### I. BREAD FROM HEAVEN THAT GIVES LIFE

#### A. THE OT MANNAH WAS A TYPE OF CHRIST

1. JOH 6:31 "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
2. JOH 6:49 "Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead."
3. 1CO 10:3-4 "And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

#### B. CHRIST IS THE TRUE BREAD THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN

1. JOH 6:32 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven."

#### C. THE TRUE BREAD GIVES ETERNAL LIFE

1. JOH 6:35 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."
2. JOH 6:50 "This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. JOH 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:

### II. UNION WITH CHRIST THROUGH FAITH IS WHAT IS REPRESENTED HERE

#### A. THIS BREAD IS EATEN THROUGH FAITH

1. JOH 6:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."
2. JOH 6:40 "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."



B. JESUS THEN ADDS A SECOND METAPHOR, EAT MY FLESH

1. JOH 6:51 "and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."
2. JOH 6:53-54 "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

C. THIS METAPHOR IS ALSO UNION WITH CHRIST

1. JOH 6:56 "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, delleth in me, and I in him."
2. JOH 6:57 "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me."

III. UNION WITH CHRIST THROUGH FAITH IN HIS WORD

A. THE FLESH PROFITS NOTHING, THE SPIRIT MAKES ALIVE

1. JOH 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."
2. The Jews were thinking like Roman Catholics or Lutherans, physically eating Christ somehow hidden in the bread, useless.

B. CHRIST IS TALKING ABOUT FAITH, A SPIRITUAL EXERCISE COMMUNICATED THROUGH WORDS!

1. JOH 6:63 "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."
2. JOH 6:68 "Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

C. EATING AND DRINKING CHRIST IS DONE BY BELIEVING HIS WORDS

1. JOH 6:63-64A "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life, But there are some of you that believe not."
2. JOH 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

CONCLUSIONS: Dear Congregation: Christ is the true manna, the bread from heaven that feeds us unto eternal life. Christ is also the real sacrifice whose broken body and shed blood actually takes away sins. In order to be saved we must be united to Christ in these two particular aspects of His work. AND this union with Christ is accomplished only through faith, that is, ONLY through faith. BUT not just any kind of faith, faith in what HE says, faith in His words, a faith that is created in us by the Holy Spirit through the medium of Christ's words, because HE Himself says, "the words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life." Ignorance of the Bible, or twisting what it says, which are far more common than knowledge of the Bible today, won't do it. And there is no excuse for not making the Bible a large part of our lives, indeed as Job said, "I have considered your word more than my necessary food."

AMEN