

*Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Psalms 100:2*

Psalm 1
"How Great Thou Art" Hymn #44

**GOD SPEAKS TO US AS CHURCH MEMBERS ABOUT OUR POSITION
IN CHRIST AND OUR DUTIES TO HIM AND TO EACH OTHER**

*I write these things so that you may know
how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God,
which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
1 Timothy 3:15*

Colossians 1:1-14

**THOUGH WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN AND MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH, WE HAVE NOT CONSISTENTLY LIVED ACCORDING TO
OUR BLESSINGS**

• Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy God, we confess that Your Son alone is the Lord and Head of the Church. Even believing this about His place over us as our powerful authority, we often fail to look to Him through His Word for leadership and instruction. Though we are believers and are truly part of the Church, we do not live careful lives in order to reflect His glory or display the benefits that are ours from Him. Though Jesus is the captain of our salvation and provides all that the Church needs, sometimes we look elsewhere for ways and means. This is our sin and does not honor Him.

Since we now belong to You, Your concerns are to be our concerns. Your desires are to be our desires. Your loves are to be our loves. Things You hate, we are to hate also. Our will is to conform to Your will – yet sadly and sinfully, this is not fully true about us.

You have clearly told us that You love Your church. You call Yourself her husband and You selflessly gave Yourself for her. Yet we have not loved Your church with similar love. We have not devoted our efforts to fulfilling our duty or striving to make her a beautiful bride without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish so that You would be pleased to come and take us to Yourself. Teach us dear Lord, to love the church as You love her, and to serve her as You have served her. Equip us to take our places in service according to Your call and expectation. Help us to work diligently for your Bride's purity and beauty that You may be well pleased with us. Glorify Yourself in Your Church around the world and in this Church in particular. We ask all this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

• Private Confession of Sin

(Speak to God about all your sins that remain unconfessed.)

• Corporate Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father
maker of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ His only
Who was conceived of the
born of the Virgin Mary,
crucified, dead and buried,
He descended into hell.
The third day he arose
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand
from there He shall come
I believe in the Holy Spirit
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the dead
and life everlasting.
Amen.

(Heidelberg Catechism)

Pastor: Of what advantage is it to be in heaven?

People of God: The first advantage is that we shall be in the presence of His Father and have a further assurance that Christ will be with Himself in heaven. This is an ultimate guarantee. By the Spirit we shall be able to reach the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Pastor: Why is it said that Jesus is the head of the church?

People of God: Christ has ascended into heaven to show that He is head of his church and that He works all things through Him.

Pastor: What benefit is there in being a member of the church?

People of God: First, that by His grace and gifts upon us His mercy defends and preserves us again.

Pastor: What comfort is it to be a member of the church?

People of God: That in all my tribulation, when I lift up my head I can turn my eyes to the same person who has already suffered for me. I know He offered Himself in my place to God the Father for my guilt. He will not curse from me. When He comes, He will gather me with all His chosen ones into His glory.

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**HANGED OUR WILL TO
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Hymn #642

ME BEFORE GOD'S THRONE

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Amos 3:8b-15

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**GRACE IS PROVIDED TO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Meditate On Christ's Redeeming Work
"There Is A Fountain" Hymn #253
- The words of institution
- The invitation to the feast
- The warning against unworthy partaking
- Prayer of consecration of the elements
- Breaking of the bread and offering of the cup
"The Doxology"

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