

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT**  
**August 2, 2020**

The Welcome & Announcements  
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

**-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-**

**The Call to Worship**

*(Psalm 96:7-13)*

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!  
Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**The Invocation**

**The Salutation**

Minister:

*(Revelation 1:4,5)*

Grace to you and peace from him who is  
and who was  
and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
and from Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead  
the ruler of the kings of earth.

Unison:

*(Psalm 124:8)*

Our help is in the name of the LORD! Who made heaven and earth!

**The Doxology - Psalm 150C**  
*Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!*

Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!  
Praise God within his sacred courts!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise, praise him in his heav'nly height!  
Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

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**The Prayer of Praise**

**-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-**

**The Call to Confession**

*(Titus 2:11-14)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**The Confession of Sin**

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

**The Assurance of Pardon**

*(Hebrews 10:12-14)*

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**The Prayer of the Church**

*(Psalm 105:3,4)*

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

## **-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Leviticus 25:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you, the land shall keep a Sabbath to the LORD. <sup>3</sup>For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits, <sup>4</sup>but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. <sup>5</sup>You shall not reap what grows of itself in your harvest, or gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. <sup>6</sup>The Sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired worker and the sojourner who lives with you, <sup>7</sup>and for your cattle and for the wild animals that are in your land: all its yield shall be for food.

<sup>8</sup>“You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. <sup>10</sup>And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. <sup>11</sup>That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. <sup>12</sup>For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

### **The Sermon**

(Scott Churnock)

*The Believer's Hope in a Hopeless World*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## Hymn #512

*Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

1. Jesus lives, and so shall I.  
Death! thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die,  
lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.
2. Jesus lives and reigns supreme;  
and, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him,  
ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.
3. Jesus lives, and by his grace,  
vict'ry o'er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.
4. Jesus lives! I know full well  
naught from him my heart can sever,  
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,  
joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.
5. Jesus lives, and death is now  
but my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou  
hast a crown of life before thee;  
thou shalt find thy hopes were just:  
Jesus is the Christian's trust.

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## **-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-**

### **The Confession of Faith**

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #52*

*Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?*

Unison:

In all my distress and persecution  
I turn my eyes to the heavens  
and confidently await as judge the very One  
who has already stood trial in my place before God  
and so has removed the whole curse from me.

All His enemies and mine  
He will condemn to everlasting punishment;  
But me and all His chosen ones  
He will take along with Him  
into the joy and the glory of heaven.

### **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

## **-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-**

### **Hymn**

*O Conquering Lamb*

Tune: Jerusalem (Parry)

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1. O con-qu'ring Lamb, who lived and died,  
on heav-en's throne now glor-i-fied,  
you reign on high and here be-low,  
with grace and mer-cy to be-stow.  
To all who come to you by faith,  
you wel-come with your warm em-brace.  
New life you give and end-less love,  
se-cur-ing them for heav'n a-bove.
2. O con-qu'ring Lamb, our God and King,  
our for-tress strong, to You we sing.  
You guard us now through all our strife,  
while trav-'ling through this pil-grim life.  
Now home-ward bound, our jour-ney long,  
help us press on and sing the song,  
of Jes-us' high and glo-rious reign,  
'til heav-en's greet-ing we at-tain.

3. O con-qu'ring Lamb, re-turn in pow'r,  
bring hope and joy to this sad hour.  
The new day dawns, cre-a-tion cries,  
re-demp-tion comes down from the skies.  
We'll see our Lord who loves us so,  
on clouds of light and heav-en's glow.  
With an-gel hosts we'll hear him say,  
"Come live with Me in end-less day."

4. O glor-ious God, un-til that day,  
give hearts of joy and lips of praise.  
You will com-plete what you've be-gun,  
con-form-ing us un-to Your Son.  
Se-cure in Him, we fear no loss;  
our souls re-deemed by His great cross.  
With all your saints we'll sing on high,  
our ris-en Christ to glo-ri-fy.

### **The Benediction**

*(Jude 24,25)*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

### **The Congregational Response**

*#575 - Threefold Amen*

A-men, a-men, a--men.

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