ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, September 25, 2016

You who fear the LORD, praise Him! ... The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! (Psalm 22:23a,26)

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Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter 100A (1,4)

*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 22H (all)

*Opening Prayer

God's Law

Psalm 106 (8-15,19-27,40-48)

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 77 (esp. vv 11,12)

*Psalm of Praise Psalter 77B (all)

Confession of Faith (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

*Song of Preparation Psalter 119G (1,2,3)

Scripture Reading: 2Kings 6:24 to 7:20 Sermon: 2Kings 7:3-20

*Respond in Song & Prep. Lord's Supper Psalter 138B (1,2,4)

Administration of the Lord's Supper

*Respond in Song Psalter 138B (5,6)

*Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)

*(Moment of Silent Meditation)

ELISHA—Prophet of the Word of God-Part 17

Sermon: **2Kings 7:3-20**

The power of the Word of God is shown in the miraculous liberation of Samaria, but also in judgment.

We see:

- 1. This liberation is discovered in the depths of unbelief and despair.
- 2. This liberation is accepted in unbelief.
- 3. This liberation involves judgment.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

CALENDAR

- <u>Sundays: 10:00 AM</u>—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship —Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Wednesday's (5:45 PM at school)—Catechism class
- <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; at school, 6: 00-8:00 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (Let us know 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 <u>persecuted church</u> in the world.

<u>Pray for King's</u>: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- Catechism class this Wednesday.
- Our witness in "word and life" to others (as church and individuals), and the salvation of loved ones and "neighbors."
- 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. Pray for Dave as he is in an extended period of night shifts and the challenges this is for him and family.
- Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- Hicks (as members who are away from us).
- HEALTH: Grady (continued recovery from surgery/appendicitis). Pastor Donnan (pancreatic cancer treatment; fatigue & side-effects). Gloria Donnan (Alzheimer's). Jeanne Donnan (stroke recovery). Verena (cancer; Pastor Poettcker's niece). Sharilyn's mother (failing health; her care and wisdom for the family). Holly's father (Lou): Praise for doing much better; pray for salvation.

Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.

- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters; seeking pastoral help).
- Modolo's in Italy (direction; encouragement).

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

- The planning efforts of the RCM Board with regard to RCM's future, in light of Rev. Donnan's cancer.
- God's blessing on the College & Seminary courses (and students).

The Westminster Confession of Faith

WCF 3.5 Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory,(1) out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto;(2) and all to the praise of His glorious grace.(3)

(1)Eph. 1:4,9,11; Rom. 8:30; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:9. (2)Rom. 9:11,13,16; Eph. 1:4,9. (3)Eph. 1:6,12.

<u>WCF 3.6</u> As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so hath He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto.(1) Wherefore, they who are elected being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ;(2) are effectually called unto faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season; are justified, adopted, sanctified,(3) and kept by His power, through faith, unto salvation.(4) Neither are any other redeemed by Christ, effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.(5)

(1)1 Pet. 1:2; Eph. 1:4,5; Eph. 2:10; 2 Thess. 2:13. (2)1 Thess. 5:9,10; Tit. 2:14. (3)Rom. 8:30; Eph. 1:5; 2 Thess. 2:13. (4)1 Pet. 1:5.

(5)John 17:9;Rom. 8:28; John 6:64,65; John 10:26; John 8:47; 1 John 2:19.

<u>WCF 3.7</u> The rest of mankind, God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of His own will, whereby He extendeth or withholdeth mercy, as He pleaseth, for the glory of His sovereign power over His creatures, to pass by, and to ordain them to dishonour and wrath for their sin, to the praise of His glorious justice.(1)

(1)Matt. 11:25,26; Rom. 9:17,18,21,22; 2 Tim. 2:19,20; Jude 4; 1 Pet. 2:8.

LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATION

As we come to the Lord's Table, we come remembering His death. The Lord directs our faith to His perfect sacrifice, once offered on the cross, as the only ground of our salvation. He also assures us that He by His death has taken away our sin, the cause of our eternal death, and has obtained for us the lifegiving Spirit. By this Spirit He brings us into true communion with Himself and makes us partakers of all His riches, of eternal life, righteousness and glory. Let us firmly believe all His promises, not doubting that we shall be nourished and refreshed with His body and blood through the working of the Holy Spirit as surely as we receive the bread and wine in remembrance of Him.

<u>Visitors</u>, who are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church, are encouraged to join us and to talk to the Session so that we may welcome you.

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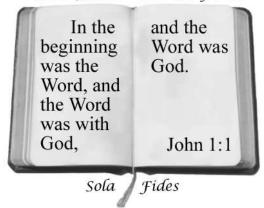
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Lord's Day, September 25, 2016

Questions for discussion

[Sermon: 2Kings 7:3-20]

- 1. Let's name/discuss some things the Bible tells us re: lepers.
- 2. How are these lepers a picture/symbol of all Israel?
- 3. What miracle did the LORD perform for this deliverance?
- 4. Why is it not biblical to say about this deliverance, "Never despair of God's grace & mercy"... "Cry to God and He will help"?
- 5. Does God's giving abundance necessarily drive people to God?
- 6. Why is it not biblical to say that here is the call to "share the *good news* of Jesus" as these lepers did?
- 7. How do king and people show their lack of repentance & faith?
- 8. How is the officer of the king a sign to all *Israel* (today too)?