

Sunday, January 24, 2010
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

Announcements and *Welcome!

- We welcome you to our service today! It is a blessing when God's people gather to worship Him in spirit and truth! We trust that those visiting for the first time will sense our desire to follow a pattern of worship derived from God's word; the priorities of which are outlined in the major headings in this order of worship. We invite visitors to sign our Guest Book and to acquire resources regarding our church and mission.
- Each Sunday we participate in a sacrament instituted by Christ to express our communion with him and to remember Gospel truths. When coming to the Lord's Table, participants are stating that they are baptized believers and active members, in 'good standing,' with a Bible teaching church. We must also come with repentant hearts and a faith in Christ alone as savior of our souls and his church. The sacraments of the church teach us to "see and sense" the true foundation for fellowship with God and each other.
- We encourage "family worship" here (as well as at home)! Families attempting to do such, should access our "family seating area." However, this time is set apart to focus attention upon God's attributes and actions! Please be sensitive to "distractions" by utilizing our childcare room which is equipped with TV monitoring of the service.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent

***Hymn – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord # 353**

I love Thy Kingdom, Lord; the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

*I love Thy church, O God: Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on thy hand.*

For Her my tears shall fall, for Her my prayers ascend;
To Her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

*Beyond my highest joy, I prize Her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows; Her hymns of love and praise.*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 119:10–11

Elder – With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!

All – I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon

"My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word!" – Psalm 119:28

Song – Psalm 51:10–12

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence O Lord;
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me;
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me...

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Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Deuteronomy 30:1–18

("But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.")

Old Testament Prophet – 1 Kings 2:1–4

("If your sons...walk before me...with all their heart...you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.")

Reader – The words of the Lord. **Congregation** – Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 119:105–112

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

I have sworn an oath, to keep Your righteous rules,
Even when I'm afflicted;
Give me life, O LORD; according to Your word!
Accept my praises as offerings.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

My life is in Your hands, I'll keep all Your commands,
Though wicked men lay a snare for me.
Your precepts are my strength, the joy of all my heart,
And I will love You to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X's)

New Testament Gospel – Luke 8:11–15

(Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seeds that fell upon the different soils.)

New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 4:8–13

("...the word of God is living and active...discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.")

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***Song – As The Deer**

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee,
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and you are my brother even though You are my King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

I want You more than gold or silver; only You can satisfy!
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

Sermon:

"Setting Your Heart"

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Ezra 7:1–10)

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Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Larger Catechism – Q & A # 4

Elder – How does it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

All – The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade that they are the very Word of God.

Offertory –

(Please pass the offering baskets through your section toward the back. If you have a special prayer request, please fill out a prayer card (available at the entry table) and place it in the offering basket. Thank you.)

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Communion Through the Sacraments

***Hymn of Preparation – Holy Is The Lord On High**

In the stillness of this hour I worship You my Lord, crying,
"Holy is the Lord on high!"
In the quiet of my heart, I sing this song of praise, crying,
"Holy is the Lord on high!"

*And for all of my days I will bow down before You,
Giving glory and honor to Your name!*

*And for all of my life I will worship and adore You, crying,
"Holy is the Lord on high!"*

***Sursum Corda**

Minister: Communion of Christ, we are gathered in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People:** Amen.

Minister: Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **People:** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Sacrament of The Lord's Table

*The presiding minister will give direction for participation in this meal.
{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}*

Commissioning of the Church

***Closing Prayer, Doxology, Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

*Those who are able, please stand.

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▯ Please join us after the service for refreshments, fellowship, and Sunday School classes ▯