

Sunday, February 28, 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 – Stand Up and Bless the Lord** (St. Thomas Williams)

Stand up and bless the Lord ye people of His choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice!

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy Name, and laud and magnify?

God is our Strength and Song, and His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious Name; Henceforth forevermore!

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:1-2

Elder – I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

All – Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Public Confession

We bow our hearts before You, O God, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. We confess that our desires for comfort and entertainment often cloud our calling to glorify Your Name. For this we ask Your forgiveness. We pray for humility before You and Your people. We ask for clear minds, attentive hearts, and willing spirits to hear and obey Your truth. Remind us of Your law, Your cleansing, and Your promise to make us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. Sustain us by Your word and sacrament which proclaim and demonstrate Your mercy and grace to all those who belong to You...

Assurance of Pardon

"The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." – Psalm 145:15

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Song – Throne of Grace

O my Lord, You are so kind – O my Lord, You are so kind.
Morning to morning, day to day, You reveal Your righteous ways...

It's Your kindness that leads to repentance,
It's Your blood that brings forgiveness,
It's Your mercy that leads me here to Your throne of grace...

In Your kindness I find repentance,
In Your blood I find forgiveness,
In Your mercy I find myself at Your throne of grace...

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Genesis 25:21 – 26

(The promise and birth of Esau and Jacob.)

Old Testament Prophet – Jeremiah 18:1 – 6

(The prophet is directed to observe the potter at his task of making pottery.)

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

Psalm – 145:3– 6

(Duke Street)

Great is the Lord, deserving praise; His greatness none can comprehend,
One generation to the next, will all Your mighty works commend.

I'll contemplate Your wondrous works, Your splendor & Your glory great.
Men will declare Your awesome acts; Your pow'r and greatness I'll relate.

Calling to mind Your goodness great, its fame they eagerly express.
And they sing praises joyfully, telling of all Your righteousness.

New Testament Gospel – John 8:31 – 47

("But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.")

New Testament Epistle – Romans 9:6 – 26

("So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

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***Hymn – Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Sermon: "There But by the Grace of God Go I"
(Message by: Christopher Neiswonger; Text: Romans 9:6–26)

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Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Westminster Larger Catechism; Q & A # 30 – 32

Elder – Does God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery ?

All – God does not leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the Covenant of Works; but of His mere love and mercy delivers His elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the 2nd covenant, commonly called the Covenant of Grace.

Elder – With whom was the covenant of grace made?

All – The Covenant of Grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him, with all the elect as his seed.

Elder – How is the grace of God manifested in the Second Covenant?

All – The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that He freely provides and offers to sinners a Mediator, and life and salvation by him; and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him, promises and gives His Holy Spirit to all His elect, to work in them that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God, and as the way which He has appointed them to salvation.

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

***Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

***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 ¶