

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 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, one another, 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 creed confessing church acknowledging Christ alone as the savior of sinners. The sacraments teach us to "see & sense" the promises of Christ.
- We encourage "family worship." Families with young children who practice this at home are welcome to stay for the service. Above all, 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 staffed by volunteers each Sunday.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent

***Opening Hymn – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ #524** (Darwall)

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart...

To whom, save Thee; who canst alone, for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me.

To whom, save Thee; who canst alone, for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load,
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.

To whom, save Thee; who canst alone, for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. [Refrain]

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 45:22–23

Elder – Turn to me and be saved,

All – All the ends of the earth!

Elder – For I am God, and there is no other.

All – By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in
righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall
bow, every tongue shall confess."

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Assurance of Pardon

To You, O God, belongs all praise and glory! Yet our thoughts, words, and
deeds, fall far short of Your holy and perfect will. We are often more engaged
in covering our sins than confessing them. We are often hiding in our hearts
that which is sinful than that which is full of truth and grace. Forgive us,
Lord. Be gracious with Your loving discipline. Restore to us the joy of
salvation and the confidence of standing in Your presence. Redeem our feeble
prayers through the purifying work of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Praise Song – In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought & storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Leviticus 17:10 – 14

(Mosaic prohibition against consuming blood.)

Old Testament Prophet – Amos 9:9 – 15

(The prophet announces a 'Davidic' ruler who will restore Israel and "the nations.")

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

Psalm – 67

(Aurelia)

O God, give us Your blessing, extend to us Your grace,
And cause to shine upon us the radiance of Your face,
In order that Your pathways would through the earth be known,
That You in every nation would Your salvation show.

O God, let peoples praise You, let all the people praise.
Let nations come rejoicing and songs of gladness raise;
For You will judge the peoples with perfect equity.
You will for all earth's nations their guide and leader be.

O God let peoples praise You, let all the people praise!
The earth has brought its bounty throughout its harvest days.
Since God, our God, will bless us, yes, God will blessing send,
That all the earth may fear Him to its remotest end.

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 13:34 – 35

("I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.")

New Testament Epistle – Galatians 2:1 – 10

(The Apostle Paul recounts a meeting with the other Apostles to defend the grace of God in salvation.)

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***Song – Only a Sinner**

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Naught have I gotten but what I received;
Grace hath bestowed it since I have believed;
Boasting excluded, pride I abase – I'm only a sinner, saved by grace!

Only a sinner, saved by grace! Only a sinner, saved by grace!
This is my story, to God be the glory – I'm only a sinner, saved by grace!

Once I was foolish, and sin ruled my heart,
Causing my footsteps from God to depart;
Jesus hath found me, happy my case – I now am a sinner, saved by grace!

[Refrain]

Tears unavailing, no merit had I; Mercy had saved me, or else I must die;
Sin had alarmed me, fearing God's face – But now I'm a sinner saved by grace!

[Refrain]

Suffer a sinner whose heart overflows, Loving his Savior to tell what he knows;
Once more to tell it would I embrace – I'm only a sinner saved by grace!

Sermon:

"Signs, Wonders, Words!"

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: Acts 15:12–22)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – Belgic Confession (Art. 34)

Elder – We believe and confess that Jesus Christ, who is the end of the law, has
made an end, by the shedding of his blood, of all other sheddings of blood
which men could or would make as a propitiation or satisfaction for sin and
that he, having abolished circumcision, which was done with blood has insti-
tuted the sacrament of baptism.

All – Instead we are received into the Church of God, and separated from
all other people and strange religions, that we may wholly belong to
Him, whose sign and banner we bear: and which serves as a testimony
to us, that He will forever be our gracious God and Father.

Offering

[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

Sacrament of Baptism

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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 and Sunday School classes! ▯