

New Hope Reformed Church: Service of the Lord's Supper
The Lord's Day, September 31, 2023

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standing

Call To Worship: Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 40:31

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;
they shall walk and not grow faint.

Song 1: Psalm 9:1-10, TP, tune: "Immortal, Invisible"

I will now give wholehearted thanks to the Lord,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry,
And praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.

When backward my foes were all turned in despair,
They stumbled and perished because You were there.
For You have defended my judgment and cause;
You sat in just judgment upholding Your laws.

You chided the nations, the wicked destroyed;
Their names You erased and forever made void.
The foe is consumed, is completely erased,
Their cities destroyed and their mem'ry effaced.

The Lord will eternally sit on the throne,
Establishing it for His judgment alone.
In righteousness He'll judge the world from His seat
And unto all peoples shall equity mete.

The Lord is a stronghold, a lofty strong tower,
For all the oppressed in their troubles' dark hour.
Those knowing Your name, Lord, trust You for Your grace;
You have not forsaken those seeking Your face.

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal and Ever-Blessed God, Lord of Heaven and Earth: we praise
Your glorious majesty. Your wisdom is seen in all Your works, and
Your grace and Your truth are revealed in Jesus Christ Your Son...

You have also by Your Holy Spirit guaranteed to us Your power and presence; therefore we adore Your holy Name, O Blessed Trinity, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Praying responsively, let us confess the Law of our God.

Reading of the Law: Matthew 5:1-10

Seeing the multitudes, [Jesus] went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

kneeling

Confession of Sin

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You: we humbly confess our sins and plead for your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, nor loved

mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to Your covenantal loving-kindness; according to Your great tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, and uphold us with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus Christ has bestowed power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to those who are truly repentant, His absolution and remission of their sin. Therefore, may Jesus Christ absolve you of your sins, as you also remember His admonishment, to “go and sin no more“. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Psalter: Psalm 9:11-20, tune: “Immortal, Invisible”

Sing praise to the Lord, Who in Zion does dwell;
Among all the peoples His great doings tell.
When blood He avenges, His mem’ry is clear;
The cry of the poor never fades from His ear.

Lord, see what I suffer from malice and hate;
Have mercy! O lift me away from death’s gate,
That I with the daughter of Zion may voice
Your praises, and in Your salvation rejoice.

The nations are sunk in the pit they prepared;
Their foot in the net which they hid is ensnared.
The Lord by His judgment has made Himself known.
He by their own works has the wicked o’erthrown.

The wicked to death’s dark abode shall be brought,
And all of the nations who God have forgot.
Forgotten no longer the cause of the weak,
Nor perished forever the hope of the meek.

Rise, Lord, that mere man may not make himself strong;
Let nations be judged in Your presence for wrong.
Strike terror within them, O Lord; always then
Let nations know truly that they are mere men.

being seated

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:1-11

Sermon

Catechism Recitation

Confession of Faith, Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 37

Q. But may we swear reverently by the name of God?

A. Yes, when the magistrate requires it, or when it may be needful otherwise, to maintain and promote fidelity and truth to the glory of God and our neighbor's good; for such an oath is grounded in God's Word, and therefore was rightly used by the saints in the Old and New Testaments.

Q. May we swear by "the saints" or by any other creatures?

A. No, for a lawful oath is a calling upon God, that He, as the only searcher of hearts, may bear witness to the truth, and punish me if I swear falsely; which honor is due to no creature.

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

O God, who gives to all men generously and freely, please graciously accept this offering, and sanctify it for the work of Your Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Hear the words of the Holy Gospel, taken from Saint Matthew: "As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body". Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins". Now, in Christ's Name, I take these elements, the bread and the wine, to be set apart by prayer and

thanksgiving to the holy use for which He has appointed them. Let us pray:

O God, You have, by the blood of Your dear Son, set apart for us a new and a way into the Holiest of All. Cleanse our minds, we implore You by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that, drawing near unto You with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, we may receive these, Your gifts, without sin, and worthily magnify Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bread, which we break is, by faith, a participation in the Body of Christ.

In just like manner, the cup that we bless is, by faith, a participation in the Blood of Christ.

Closing Prayer

O God, guide us with Your wisdom,
chasten us with Your justice,
help us with Your strength,
fill us with Your fullness,
shield us with Your shade,
and fill us with Your grace.
For the sake of Your anointed Son
who died for us,
let us depart in peace and love.

standing

Song 2: Psalm 92, tune: "Rejoice! The Lord Is King"

It's good to thank the Lord,
To praise Your name, Most High!
To show Your love at dawn,
Your faithfulness all night!
The ten-stringed lyre
With sweet-voiced lute and rippling harp
Your praise inspire.

Your deeds, Lord, made me glad.
I'll joy in what You've done.
How great Your doings, Lord!
How deep Your thoughts each one!
Fools won't be shown;

The foolish can't accept this truth,
To him unknown!

Though sinners grow like weeds,
Ill-do-ers blossom may,
They're doomed to be destroyed.
You, Lord, exalted stay.
Lord, Your foes fall.
See! How Your foes, vain evil men
Are scattered all!

You've raised, like ox, my horn,
Poured fresh oil on my head.
You made me see the spies
And hear what plotters said.
Like thriving palm
The righteous grows, like cedars tall
On Lebanon.

Those planted by the Lord
Shall in God's courts be seen;
When old they'll still bear fruit
And flourish fresh and green,
And loud proclaim
How upright is the Lord, my Rock;
No wrong in Him!

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus
Christ our Lord. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Doxology: Psalm 91, tune: "Jesus, What a Friend For Sinners"

Who with God Most High finds shelter
In th'Almighty's shadow hides.
To the Lord I'll say, "My Refuge!"
In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you,

From the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions,
Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler;
You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts in daylight flying,
Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday.
At your side ten thousand fall;
You will only see this judgment
Which rewards the wicked all.

You have made the Lord your refuge,
God Most High your dwelling-place;
Nothing evil shall befall you;
In Your tent no scourge you'll face.
He will angels charge to keep you,
Guard you well in all your ways.
In their hands they will uphold you
Lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions,
Tread on all your deadly foes.
For his love to Me I'll save him,
Keep him, for My name he knows;
When he calls Me, I will answer,
Save and honor him will I.
I will show him My salvation,
With long life will satisfy.

