

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT**  
**January 16, 2022**

The Welcome & Announcements  
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

**-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-**

**The Salutation**

Romans 1:7b

<sup>7b</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Hymn #213**

*Glory Be to God the Father*

1. Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit,  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glory be to him alone.
  2. Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from all sin and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lamb that once was slain!
  3. Glory to the King of angels,  
glory to the church's King,  
glory to the King of nations;  
heav'n and earth your praises bring!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
To the King of glory sing!
  4. "Glory, blessing, praise eternal!"  
Thus the choir of angels sings.  
"Honor, glory, power, dominion!"  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the mighty King of kings!
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## The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 8 (Responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**You have set your glory above the heavens.**
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
**you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**
- <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
**and the son of man that you care for him?**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
**and crowned him with glory and honor.**
- <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under his feet,**
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
**and also the beasts of the field,**
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### -THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

#### The Call to Confession

Romans 3:21-23

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

#### The Confession of Sin

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

*General Prayer of Confession*

Unison:

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:24-26

<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## Hymn #288

*We Come, O Christ, To You*

1. We come, O Christ, to you,  
true Son of God and man,  
by whom all things consist,  
in whom all life began:  
in you alone we live and move,  
and have our being in your love.

2. You are the Way to God,  
your blood our ransom paid;  
in you we face our Judge  
and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand,  
your love has met your law's demand.

3. You are the living Truth!  
All wisdom dwells in you,  
the Source of ev'ry skill,  
the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! In you we rest,  
sure answer to our ev'ry quest.

4. You only are true Life,  
to know you is to live  
the more abundant life  
that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you:  
in us each day your life renew!

5. We worship you, Lord Christ,  
Our Savior and our King,  
To you our youth and strength  
adoringly we bring:  
so fill our hearts, that all may view  
your life in us, and turn to you.

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## The Prayer of the Church

Philippians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## -THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

### The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 19:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in

keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 34:1-10

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. <sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! <sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Romans 1:16-25

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." <sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

### **The Sermon**

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#### *Finding God*

Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 19:1-6; Psalm 34:8-10

### **Psalm #19A**

*The Heavens Above Declare* (vs. 1-4,9)

1. The heav'ns above declare  
the glory of our God;  
and what his hands have made  
the skies proclaim abroad.  
For day by day they pour out speech,  
and night by night their knowledge teach.

2. No language do they use,  
nor any spoken word;  
they utter not a sound  
and yet their voice is heard.  
Throughout the world their voice resounds  
their words to earth's remotest bounds.

3. God set a tent in heav'n,  
a dwelling for the sun,  
which like a bridegroom, leaves  
his dwelling tent at dawn,  
and like a strong, heroic man,  
goes forth with joy his race to run.

4. The sun goes forth in might  
from heaven's farthest end  
and runs its course above  
until the day is spent.  
Its path from end to end complete –  
there's nothing hidden from its heat.

9. So let the words I speak  
be pleasing in your sight;  
and let my inmost thoughts  
be in your judgment right.  
O LORD, you are a rock to me;  
you have redeemed and set me free.

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## **-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-**

### **The Confession of Faith**

*The Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #26*

Q. *What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?"*

A. Unison:

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father for the sake of Christ his Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this vale of tears.

He is able to do this because he is almighty God, he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

### **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*Words of Institution*

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*The Sharing of the Cup*

## **-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-**

### **The Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **The Doxology #570**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below:  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

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