

Christ Church

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**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 9:11

Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!

Declare His deeds among the people.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 29 (page 24)

*Q. Are the bread and wine changed into the real body and blood of Christ?*

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply God's sign and assurance, so too the bread of the Lord's supper is not changed into the actual body of Christ even though it is called the body of Christ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

*Q. Why then does Christ call the bread His body and the cup His blood, or the new covenant in His blood? (Paul uses the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood.)*

A. Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that as bread and wine nourish our temporal life, so too His crucified body and poured-out blood truly nourish our souls for eternal life. But more important, He wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in His true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in His remembrance, and that all of His suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and paid for our sins.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 323 "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

**Call to Confession:** Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted,

That your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, we confess to You that we are displeased with ourselves. We believe that Christ has saved us, but we have failed to live as those who truly partake of Him daily. Instead, we have lived as if we are free to please ourselves, free to try to find our heaven here on earth instead of waiting to share Christ's glory when He returns, and free to depend on ourselves instead of relying on the Holy Spirit to direct and govern our lives. Our prayers show our lack of concern for Your glorious kingdom. Pardon and cleanse us and set our hearts in order. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Kyrie:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gloria Patri:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Collect of the Day:** Collect: Lord, we cannot love unless You first love us and place Your Spirit in us. Teach us to deny ourselves and to cherish Your will for us as better than what our own wills would dictate. Thank You for choosing to love us. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*First Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 4:1-10 (page 851)

**\*Second Gospel Lesson:** Luke 19:1-10 (page 929)

**Missions Moment**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 19B (back of bulletin)

**Sermon:** "All About Love" – Part 6

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer (unison):** Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Response:** 466 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**