

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 21:13

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 31 (pages 25-26)

Q. What are the keys of the kingdom?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

Q. How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to each and every believer that, as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all his sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

Q. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: If anyone, though called a Christian, professes unchristian teachings or lives an unchristian life, if after repeated brotherly counsel, he refuses to abandon his errors and wickedness, and, if after being reported to the church, that is, to its officers, he fails to respond also to their admonition – such a one the officers

exclude from the Christian fellowship by withholding the sacraments from him, and God himself excludes him from the kingdom of Christ. Such a person, when he promises and demonstrates genuine reform, is received again as a member of Christ and of his church.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 343 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

***Collect of the Day:** Lord, open our eyes to grasp how wide and long and high and deep Your love is. Transform our lives so we might love as we have been loved. Set us free to be servants like Jesus. We pray in His Name. Amen.

***First Gospel Lesson:** Mark 9:33-37 (page 892)

***Second Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 20:20-28 (page 870)

***Third Gospel Lesson:** Luke 22:14-30 (page 933)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: "All About Love" – Part 8

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 119G (back of bulletin)

Reading of The Law: Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)

Call to Confession: 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess that we have not diligently applied ourselves to understand and heed the preaching of Your Word. We have lived as if there are no keys to the kingdom. This means we have been proud and independent-minded and have downplayed the authority of those You have appointed to lead in Your church. We have not loved discipline and have failed to honor its practice within the body of Christ. We have lacked faith to believe that the sometimes difficult ways you have taught us are best. Forgive us, and make us a body which works together to pursue holiness as we love You and each other. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Chronicles 7:14 “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

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.

Holy Communion

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** 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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** 500 “Abide With Me”

***Benediction**