

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 119:41,44,45

Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD— Your salvation according to Your word. So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 38 (page 30)

Q. What is God's will for us in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through His Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 349 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Confession: Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess that we are often estranged from You. We are not disciplined to draw near to You in corporate worship, giving careful attention to Your Word. We are haphazard in our commitment to spend the Lord's Day with the body of Christ. We sometimes neglect the sacraments and often neglect public prayer. And we are not as diligent as we should be to imitate Jesus in our offerings for those in need. Instead, we have regarded the day of rest as a day to please ourselves. Forgive us for offending Your holy law and despising Your loving invitation to commune with You. May Your Spirit teach us to cherish our time together in Your presence and cause us to rest from sinning. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Agnus Dei:

Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-13 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him.

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 (unison): Lord, we praise You for Your sovereign power. No one is greater than You, and no one can undo Your work. Thank You for freeing us from Satan's tyranny. Grant us grace to desire the liberty our Savior has purchased for us and to hate and forsake the chains of darkness and sin by which we were formerly bound. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

***Gospel Lesson:** John 8:42-44

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning,

and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

***Epistle Lesson:** 2 Timothy 2:24-26

²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

²⁶ and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** Psalm 147:1-7 (back of bulletin)

Sermon: Isaiah 61:1

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:** 114 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**