

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 2:11* – Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 8 (page 12)

Q. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

Q. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because that is how God has revealed Himself in His Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 360 *"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"*

Call to Confession: *2 Chronicles 30:9b* – "For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him."

Prayer of Confession: Father, we have failed to tremble before Your Word and have instead acted as if it is not worthy to be obeyed. We have failed to live according to the new nature we have received from Jesus. We have resisted the work of the Holy Spirit who would make us holy. We have been content to live in ignorance, not striving to learn more of You or to live in Your wisdom, but pursuing comfort in earthly things instead. For the sake of our Savior, remember His sacrifice made for our sins and grant us forgiveness. We pray in His 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: *Romans 8:1* – There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

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): O Lord, without Your Spirit working humility within us, we would be condemned in our deadly pride forever. Work a deep love in our hearts for You and Your Word, that we might tremble before Your Word and be submissive to You and finally find the joy and delight of Your presence forever. Grant this for the sake of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 66: 1-4*

- ¹ "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? and where is the place of My rest?"
- ² For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist," says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.
- ³ "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; he who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; he who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations,
- ⁴ So will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight."

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 23:27-28*

- ²⁷ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

***Epistle Lesson:** *Acts 9:1-6* (page 974)

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalm 136:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *Isaiah 66:2b-4*

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:** 634 *"O, How I Love Jesus"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**