

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 138:2* – I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Heidelberg Catechism: *Lord's Day 7* (pages 11-12)

Q. Are all men saved through Christ just as all were lost through Adam?

A. No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all His blessings.

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Q. What then must a Christian believe?

A. Everything God promises us in the gospel. That gospel is summarized for us in the articles of our Christian faith—a creed beyond doubt, and confessed throughout the world.

Q. What are these articles?

A. I believe in God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 363 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Call to Confession: *Psalm 25:6-7* –Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, by nature we are faithless and

rebellious. We tend to follow our own ideas rather than hold to what is plain in Holy Scripture. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness and our failure to tremble before Your Word. We confess that in our foolishness we neglect devoting ourselves to bearing Gospel fruit for You and instead are more prone to stand in judgment over You. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus, have mercy on us and cleanse us from the sins of unbelief and rejecting Your promises. 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: *Zephaniah 3:16-17* – In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

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 God, we give thanks for Your Word. We are humbled that You have revealed Yourself to us. Grant us grace to carefully hear the Holy Scriptures and to be humble before them so that we might obey and please You. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 66:1-2*

¹ Thus says the Lord: "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.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 5:17-20*

¹⁷ "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

¹⁸ For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

¹⁹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

***Epistle Lesson:** *Acts 7:44-53* (Page 972-973)

Children's Sermon

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

Sermon: *Isaiah 66:1-2*

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:** Praise Book #8 "*In Christ Alone*"

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**