

## *Christ Church*

### **Prelude**

### **Moments of Concern**

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 9:10-11* – And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 12 (page 14)

*Q. Why is He called "Christ" meaning "anointed"?*

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom He has won for us.

*Q. But why are you called a Christian?*

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing. I am anointed to confess His name, to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 325 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

**Call to Confession:** *Psalm 51:16-17* – For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father in heaven, we confess that we have not cherished and imitated the Messiah by whom we are saved. Forgive

us, for in our pride we have thought too highly of ourselves, and we have failed to yield to Him all the obedience, honor and love that is due our holy Prophet, Priest and King. We who claim to benefit from His sacrifice on the cross have neglected our calling to confess His Name before others, offer ourselves as living sacrifices, and make war on sin with the resolve proper for one who will reign with Christ for eternity. Cleanse us and turn our hearts humbly toward Yourself. We pray in the Name of Jesus. 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:**

**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, pour out Your grace and mercy on us. Bring us to a mature faith which clings to Christ and trusts in Him under all circumstances. Thank You for Paul's letters to the church at Thessalonica. Please use them to produce the works in us which are pleasing to you. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Lesson:** *2 Chronicles 20:20*

So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

**\*Epistle Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

<sup>3</sup> remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father...

**\*Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 18:18-23* (page 928)

### **Missions Moment**

### **Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 130 (back of bulletin)*

**Sermon:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-3*

### **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:** *"Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me" (insert)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**