

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 123:1-2* – Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until He has mercy on us.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 25 (page 21)

Q. You confess that by faith alone you share in Christ and all His blessings: where does that faith come from?

A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it through our use of the holy sacraments.

Q. What are sacraments?

A. Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them He might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put His seal on that promise. And this is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

Q. Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments He assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

Q. How many sacraments did Christ institute in the New Testament?

A. Two: baptism and the Lord's supper.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 338 *"We Sing the Greatness of Our God"*

Call to Confession: *Psalm 119:132-133* – Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for our faith is weak and often polluted. We fail to persist in trusting Your promises, and we do not persevere in applying ourselves to the means You have given us for our faith to be strengthened. We fail to properly prepare ourselves to hear the preaching of Your Word and to participate in the Lord's Supper. We live many days without intentionally setting our hope and affection on our Savior who has purchased such blessing for us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Teach us to yield to the will of our loving Father. 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 103:10-13* – He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. 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): O Loving Father, You never fail to guide and govern those whom You are raising up in holiness and love. Give us grace to have a constant reverent fear and love of Your Holy Name. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 6:8-10b* (page 853)

***First Old Testament Lesson:** *Psalm 32:7-9* (page 496)

***Second Old Testament Lesson:** *Proverbs 4:11-12* (page 562)

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *"He Will Keep You"* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: "Our True Father" – Psalm 103

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 #70 *"Clothed in Righteousness"*

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**