

# *The Lord's Day*

April 15, 2018  
10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

## **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come...and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.* **Revelation 1:4, 5**

Prelude

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen  
(All Depends on our Possessing)*

Rotermund

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 145:17-21 (ESV)

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

**The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

**The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

\*Hymn No. 300

*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

O Quanta Qualia

Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore  
Give ye to him who our battle hath won,  
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Soundeth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;  
Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;  
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower  
Echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;  
Ever descendeth the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise—  
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

\*Invocation

## **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 72:1-19

(Hymnal pg. 810)

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.**

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

In his days the righteous will flourish, prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

**He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him;**

the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

**All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

**Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him.**

May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

**Let grain abound throughout the land; on the tops of hills may it sway.**

Let its fruit flourish like Lebanon; let it thrive like the grass of the field.

**May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun**

All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

**Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name forever, may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Amen and Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Colossians 2:6, 9 (ESV)

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith...

**For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and [we] have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.**

\*Confession of Faith (unison)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 36

Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace? **The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup> who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father,<sup>2</sup> in the fullness of time became man,<sup>3</sup> and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, for ever.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Tim. 2:5    <sup>2</sup> Jn 1:1, 14; 10:30; Phil. 2:8    <sup>3</sup> Gal. 4:4    <sup>4</sup> Lk 1:35; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9; Heb. 7:24, 25

\*Hymn No. 165

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels adore,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

**17** Then allotment was made to the people of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To (MAY kir) Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, were allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war. <sup>2</sup> And allotments were made to the rest of the people of Manasseh by their clans, (AY high-EE zur) Abiezer, (HEE lek) Helek, (AZ rih el) Asriel, Shechem, (HEE fur) Hopher, and (shih MIGH duh) Shemida. These were the male descendants of Manasseh the son of Joseph, by their clans.

<sup>3</sup> Now (zih LOH fih had) Zelophehad the son of (HEE fur) Hopher, son of Gilead, son of (MAY kir) Machir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters, and these are the names of his daughters: (MA luh) Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>4</sup> They approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the leaders and said, “The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So according to the mouth of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. <sup>5</sup> Thus there fell to Manasseh ten portions, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance along with his sons. The land of Gilead was allotted to the rest of the people of Manasseh.

<sup>7</sup> The territory of Manasseh reached from Asher to Michmethath, which is east of Shechem. Then the boundary goes along southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah. <sup>8</sup> The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but the town of Tappuah on the boundary of Manasseh belonged to the people of Ephraim. <sup>9</sup> Then the boundary went down to the brook Kanah. These cities, to the south of the brook, among the cities of Manasseh, belong to Ephraim. Then the boundary of Manasseh goes on the north side of the brook and ends at the sea, <sup>10</sup> the land to the south being Ephraim’s and that to the north being Manasseh’s, with the sea forming its boundary. On the north Asher is reached, and on the east Issachar. <sup>11</sup> Also in Issachar and in Asher Manasseh had Beth-shean and its villages, and Ibleam and its villages, and the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its villages, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its villages, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; the third is Naphath. <sup>12</sup> Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. <sup>13</sup> Now when the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

<sup>14</sup> Then the people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “Why have you given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, although I am a numerous people, since all along the LORD has blessed me?” <sup>15</sup> And Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.” <sup>16</sup> The people of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us. Yet all the Canaanites who dwell in the plain have chariots of iron, both those in Beth-shean and its villages and those in the Valley of Jezreel.” <sup>17</sup> Then Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, “You are a numerous people and have great power. You shall not have one allotment only, <sup>18</sup> but the hill country shall be yours, for though it is a forest, you shall clear it and possess it to its farthest borders. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.”

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

**We respond in gratitude for God’s blessing**

\**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

*All Creation Sings*

J. S. Bach

Sun, moon, earth and stars break forth in exultation! All creation sings the glorious resurrection! Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! Heav'n and earth repeat the glad refrain. Mountains, hills and dales ring out with acclamation! Oceans, lakes and vales all join the glad ovation. Christ is risen! Death is vanquished! All creation sings for joy: Alleluia!

***Musical Interlude***

*After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.*

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-18

(Pew Bible, pg. 833)

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by<sup>[a]</sup> him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Sermon

“The Firstborn of All Creation”

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 369

*Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns*

Truro

Shout for the blessed Jesus reigns; through distant lands his triumphs spread;  
And sinners, freed from endless pains, own him their Savior and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar, they all at Zion's gates arrive;  
Those who were dead in sin before by sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey; nations remote their off' rings bring,  
And unconstrained their homage pay to their exalted God and King.

O may his holy church increase, his Word and Spirit still prevail,  
While angels celebrate his praise, and saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb, from all below, and all above!  
In lofty songs exalt his name, in songs as lasting as his love.

\*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)

Postlude

*Allegro*

Danish

Purcell

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**The Adult Sunday School class** will begin a new video series and discussion next week entitled: *Tactics: A Game Plan to Effectively Discussing Your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl. Join us!

**If you would like to give a special gift** for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it “Tiemann Music Fund.” Your gifts make it possible for us to bring in a variety of musicians to enhance our worship service.

**The Same-Sex Attraction Conference** registration must be done on-line by April 21<sup>st</sup>. The registration at 8 AM the day of the conference is to check in and receive your materials and name tag, not to sign up and pay. Sorry for any confusion the promotional material has caused.

### This Week at Aisquith

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) No Youth Group tonight!</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Ladies' Bible Study (church library)</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study (1<sup>st</sup> floor classroom)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Bible Study (call for location)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir practice</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>5:00 -7:00 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group Service night (meet at the church)</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4)</b>

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