

# The Lord's Day

July 14, 2019  
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...*

*The Psalter ought to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly—and pictures his kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom—that it might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible.*  
*Martin Luther*

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham, Organist

## We praise our great God

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 107:1, 2, 8, 9 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble...**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

**For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

\*Hymn No. 53

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly for e'er we adore him.

\*Invocation

## We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 86

(Hymnal pg. 814)

Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.**

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I call to you all day long.**

Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**You are forgiving and good, O LORD, abounding in love to all who call to you.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.

**In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.**

Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O LORD; they will bring glory to your name.**

For you are great and do marvelous deeds;

**you alone are God.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;

**give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.**

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.**

The arrogant are attacking me, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks my life—men without regard for you.

**But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant and save the son of your maidservant.

**Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Romans 5:1-6 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame,

**because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Confession of Faith, VIII.5

**The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father;<sup>1</sup> and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 5:19; Heb. 9:14, 16; 10:14; Eph. 5:2; Rom. 3:25, 26

<sup>2</sup> Dan. 9:24, 26; Col. 1:19, 20; Eph. 1:11, 14; Jn 17:2; Heb. 9:12, 15

\*Hymn No. 9 (HMR)

*Alive in Christ*

Boice/Jones

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil's dark path,  
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God's dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,  
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;  
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—

I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,  
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 12:8-15

(Pew Bible, pg. 180)

**Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon**

<sup>8</sup> After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. <sup>9</sup> He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he gave in marriage outside his clan, and thirty daughters he brought in from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. <sup>10</sup> Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

<sup>11</sup> After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years. <sup>12</sup> Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at (A juh lahn) Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

<sup>13</sup> After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. <sup>14</sup> He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys, and he judged Israel eight years. <sup>15</sup> Then Abdon the son of Hillel the (pigh RAY thahn ight) Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

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

*The children may dismiss for church-time programs.*

**We hear God speak**

Scripture Reading

Psalms 25

(Pew Bible, pg. 393)

**25** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

- <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- <sup>12</sup> Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- <sup>13</sup> His soul shall abide in well-being,  
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- <sup>14</sup> The friendship<sup>[the secret counsel]</sup> of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- <sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.
- <sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.
- <sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.
- <sup>19</sup> Consider how many are my foes,  
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- <sup>20</sup> Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!  
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- <sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for you.
- <sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

Sermon

"An Alphabet of Petition and Praise"

Pastor Bell

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 694

*Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee*

Seymour

Lord, I lift my soul to thee, O my God, I trust thy might;  
let not foes exult o'er me, shame me not before their sight.

Yea, may none be put to shame, none who wait for thee to bless;  
but dishonored be their name who without a cause transgress.

Lord, to me thy ways make known, guide in truth and teach thou me;  
thou my Savior art alone, all the day I wait for thee.

Lord, remember in thy love all thy mercies manifold,  
tender mercies from above, changeless from the days of old.

Sins of youth remember not, nor my trespasses record;  
let not mercy be forgot, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Grace and truth shall mark the way where the Lord his own will lead,  
if his Word they still obey and his testimonies heed.

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

Danish

Postlude

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Nursery Attendants: TODAY**, Karen Wallace; **NEXT WEEK**, July 21<sup>th</sup>, Shannon Bell.

**There will be no Sunday School classes until after Labor Day.**

**Our thanks** to all of you who helped with this year's Yard Sale. We've raised over \$4200.00 for the Impact trip to Cherokee.

**Impact is still collecting empty inkjet cartridges** to raise funds for future mission's trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off. We need your cartridges!

### **This Week at Aisquith**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Youth Group to King's Dominion</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b> Session Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7-8:30 PM</b> WIC Book Club
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Youth Group to Ocean City</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship <b>Guest Speaker: the Rev. Stephen Boon</b>

### **Coming Soon**

**Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>—Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> Impact trip to Cherokee**

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