

The Lord's Day

July 28, 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)

Psalms 11:4, 7 (ESV)

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven;
His eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.
For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;
The upright shall behold his face.

*Hymn No. 181

We Come, O Christ to You

Darwall

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began;
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give;
O risen Lord! We live in you; in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring;
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 139

(Hymnal pg. 836)

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,”

even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with you.

If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?

I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies,

Search me, O God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Hebrews 10:12-15, 17 (ESV)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us... “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

*Hymn

The Power of the Cross

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O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, nailed to a cross of wood—

This the pow’r of the cross; Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev’ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your blood stained brow—

This the pow’r...

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—“Finished!” the vict’ry cry—

This the pow’r...

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

This the pow’r of the cross; Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 13:15-25

(Pew Bible, pg. 180)

¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you.”

¹⁶ And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.) ¹⁷ And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” ¹⁸ And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?” ¹⁹ So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching. ²⁰ And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

²¹ The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. ²² And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.” ²³ But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.” ²⁴ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. ²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in (MAY huh neh-dan) Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and (ESH tay ahl) Eshtaol.

Confession Faith (unison)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Qs. 100, 101

What does the preface of the Lord’s prayer teach us? **The preface of the Lord’s prayer, which is, “Our Father which art in heaven”¹, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us;² and that we should pray with and for others.³**

¹ Matt. 6:9 ² Rom. 8:15; Lk 11:13 ³ Acts 12:5; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2

What do we pray for in the first petition? **In the first petition, which is, “Hallowed be Thy name”¹, we pray, that God would enable us and others to glorify Him in all that he makes Himself known;² and that He would dispose all things to His own glory.³**

¹ Matt. 6:9 ² Ps. 67:2, 3 ³ Ps. 83

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

JonCarlos Ley, solist

The children may dismiss for church-time programs.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Psalms 26

(Pew Bible, pg. 393)

**I Will Bless the LORD
Of David.**

26 Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

- ⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
- ⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
- ⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- ¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- ¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Sermon

“In Pursuit of Holiness”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

*Hymn No. 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav’nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where’er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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

Danish

*Those who are able, please stand.

Nursery Attendants: TODAY, Janet Johnson; **NEXT WEEK**, August 4th, Chris Clark.

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

Pray for our Impact Team as they minister in Cherokee, NC this coming week: John & Julie Ceselsky, Angelo Cicone, Karen Wallace, and Rick Willis.

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

TODAY **10:30 AM Worship:**
No Youth Group Tonight!

THURSDAY **7-8:30 PM WIC Book Club**

SUNDAY **10:30 AM Worship and the Lord's**
Supper
No Youth Group Tonight!

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