

# The Lord's Day

September 8, 2019

## Prelude

### Call to Worship\*

Psalm 92:1-4

**Leader:** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**All:** to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**Leader:** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

### Prayer of Adoration\*

### Hymn of Praise\*

#### ***Come Thou Almighty King***

Hymn 101

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

#### ***All Praise To Him***

All praise to him, the God of light who formed the mountains by his might.  
All praise to him who names the stars that sing his fame in skies afar.  
All praise to him who reigns in love who guides the galaxies above.  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the Servant King.  
Who left behind his glorious throne to pay the ransom for his own.  
All praise to him who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin, and shame.  
Who lived to die, who died to rise the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts.  
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.  
To you, the triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.

\*everyone who is able, please stand

## Confession of Sin

adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, pp. 62-63

**All:** While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord Jesus, the way we live often proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the sin, suffering, and violence of the world. Please forgive us and strengthen us in faith by your Holy Spirit.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

**Leader:** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

**All:** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

## Song of Assurance

#### ***Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!  
Look to Christ who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.  
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.  
But no grave could e'er restrain him; Praise the Lord; he is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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## The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Naomi Faith Parise, covenant child of Tony & Elizabeth

## Church Life Announcements

Children's Church (preschool - 2nd Grade) is available during the entire 8:30 & 11:00 worship services. You may take your child to room C107 (in the Education Building across the courtyard) at any time during either service.

## Prayer for Offering

## Offertory

## Doxology\*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Hymn 731

## Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism 65-66*

**Leader:** Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?

**All: From the Holy Spirit, who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.**

**Leader:** What are the sacraments?

**All: The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use he might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel. And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.**

## Pastoral Prayer

Randy Berger

## Old Testament Reading

Psalm 47

## Sermon Hymn

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Hymn 289

## New Testament Reading

Luke 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup> just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup> it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

## Sermon

Acts

“Keeping the Focus on Jesus”

Acts 1:1-11

Doug Domin

## Hymn of Rejoicing\*

### *Jesus Is Lord*

'Jesus is Lord' the cry that echoes through creation:  
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living bread.

Jesus is Lord, whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet, in his wisdom, laid aside his crown.  
Jesus, the man who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

Jesus is Lord, the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love.  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

'Jesus is Lord' - a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
as he returns, and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye and every heart will see his glory,  
the Judge of all will take his children home.

## Benediction\*

All Bible quotations are ESV, unless otherwise noted. Hymn numbers are from the Trinity Hymnal 1990.

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