

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

AUGUST 19, 2018 – 9:30 AM

## PRELUDE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you... This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.... and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.*

Genesis 17:7, 10-11

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

### INTROIT

SALUTATION ..... MATTHEW 28:19

MINISTER: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... PSALM 33

MINISTER: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

PEOPLE: **For praise from the upright is beautiful.**

Praise the LORD with the harp;

Sing to Him a new song;

Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

**For the word of the LORD is right**

**And all His work is done in truth.**

He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of His goodness.

**By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,**

**And all the host by the breath of His mouth.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the world

Stand in awe of Him!

\* HYMN OF APPROACH ..... No. 295

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PEOPLE: AMEN!

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

\* Congregation Stands

# GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563 A.D.*

Q 52. How does Christ's return to judge the living and the dead comfort us?

**A. In all our sorrows and persecutions, we turn our eyes towards heaven and eagerly await the very same person who has already stood trial in our place, and has removed the curse from us. He will condemn to everlasting punishment all His and our enemies, but He will take us and all His chosen ones with Him into the joy and glory of heaven.**

*Luke 21:28; Rom. 8:22-25; Phil. 3:20,21; Tit. 2:13, 14. Matt. 25:31-46; I Thess. 4:16,*

Q 57. How does the resurrection of the body comfort us?

**A. Not only shall our souls after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, our Head, but our very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with our souls and made like Christ's glorious body.**

*Luke 16:22; 23:43; Phil. 1:21-23. Job 19:25, 26; I Cor. 15:20, 42-46, 54; Phil. 3:21; I John 3:2.*

Q 58. What comfort do we receive in the knowledge that we have life everlasting?

**A. Even as we already experience in our hearts the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life we shall possess perfect blessedness such as "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined"—a blessedness where we will praise God eternally.**

*Jn 17:3; Rom 14:17; 2 Cor. 5:2, 3; Jn 17:24; I Cor 2:9*

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 735

**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, Amen.**

\* SCRIPTURE READING ..... PSALM 27

ELDER: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

PEOPLE: AMEN!

# GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leading In Prayer*

BY HUGHES OLIPHANT OLD

MINISTER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer, we cry out to you.

PEOPLE: **It seems that evil keeps winning the battles in our lives. "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing."**

Rom. 7:19

**Our fathers trusted in you. They trusted and you delivered them. You are a trustworthy God. When we have relied on you, we have not been disappointed.**

**O God, trustworthy God, we are ashamed that we do not always put our trust in you. We are continually afraid that if we follow your ways, we will miss something good.**

**O our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the grace: "To put off our old self, which belongs to our former way of life, and is corrupt through deceitful desires.**

**"And renew us in the spirit of our minds, that we might put on the new self which you created in your likeness in true righteousness and holiness."**

Eph. 4:22-24

**This we humbly pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: Now hear the gospel of Jesus Christ:

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

Romans 5:1

PEOPLE: AMEN!

\* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ..... No. 86

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

PEOPLE: AMEN!

# GOD INVITES US TO JOYFUL SACRIFICE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* DOXOLOGY ..... No. 731  
**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. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... Matthew 6:9-13  
**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.**

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## GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

\* THE SERMON TEXT ..... EPHESIANS 1:15-23  
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### PAUL'S GREAT PRAYER, PART 2



## GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... No. 252  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE ..... No. 455  
*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*  
PEOPLE: AMEN!

\* BENEDICTION ..... NUMBERS 6:24-26

\* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN ..... No. 740

# SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

AUGUST 19, 2018 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

\* RESPONSIVE READING ..... PAGE 835

PSALM 136

\* PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7 ..... Trinity Psalter

EVENING PRAYER

\* SERMON TEXT ..... HABAKKUK 1

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**HOW LONG O LORD**

BENEDICTION ..... 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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