

THE DIVINE SERVICE

MAY 31, 2020 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ISAIAH 12:2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

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 96

MINISTER: O come, sing to the LORD a new song!
Sing to the LORD all the earth!

PEOPLE: **For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.
Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

O come; declare his glory among the nations;
his wonders among all the peoples.

* SONG OF APPROACH

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Belgic Confession, 1561* ARTICLE 18

We confess that God fulfilled His promise made through His holy prophets, when He sent into the world His own only-begotten and eternal Son, who assumed our true human nature, with all its infirmities, except for sin, being conceived in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Ghost, without the means of man.

He not only assumed a real human body, but also a true human soul, that He might be a true human being. For since both our bodies as well as our souls were lost, it was necessary that He should take upon Himself both body and soul, to save both.

* 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 EXODUS 20:1-17, MATTHEW 22:37-40

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

MINISTER: By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,

PEOPLE: **since through the law comes knowledge of sin.** ROMANS 3:20

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. ROMANS 7:12 & 7

Let us, therefore, humbly confess our sins unto our heavenly Father saying,

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those who repent and restore those who confess their faults before You, according to Your promises which You declared to us through Christ Jesus our Lord.

And, most merciful Father, grant for Jesus' sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Now hear the good news of the gospel, *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. for God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”* ROMANS 8:1-4

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Amazing Grace vs 1-4, 6* NO. 460

*Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

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.

