

MORNING DIVINE SERVICE

APRIL 18, 2021 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. COLOSSIANS 1:11-14

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 *from* PSALM 66

MINISTER: Come, make a joyful shout to God, all his people!

PEOPLE: **How awesome are your works, O God. All the earth shall worship you.**

Sing out the honor of his name.
Make his praise glorious!

**We sing praises to you, O Lord;
we will sing praises to your name.**

O, bless our God, all you peoples!
Make the voice of his praise to be heard.

* HYMN OF APPROACH NO. 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty vs 1-4

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* Congregation Stands

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Westminster Confession of Faith (MESV)*
CHAPTER 26 – THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

26.1 All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.¹ And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces² and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.³

26.2 It is the duty of professing saints to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God and in performing such other spiritual services as help them to edify one another.⁴ It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another in material things according to their various abilities and necessities. As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.⁵

¹ 1 John 1:3; Ephesians 2:5-6 & 3:16-18; John 1:16; Philippians 3:10; Romans 6:5-6 & 8:17; 2 Timothy 2:12.

² Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 & 12:7,12; Colossians 2:19.

³ 1 Thessalonians 5:11,14; Romans 1:11-12,14; 1 John 3:16-18; Galatians 6:10.

⁴ Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42,46; Isaiah 2:3; 1 Corinthians 11:20.

⁵ 1 John 3:17; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15; Acts 2:44-45 & 11:29-30.

* GLORIA PATRI NO. 735

**Glorify 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 131

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 *by* N. MORGAN

MINISTER: “And God spoke all these words, saying ... You shall not steal.” EXODUS 20:1, 15

PEOPLE: **Heavenly Father, we are thieves. We have taken what is not ours. In greed and discontentment, we have stolen. We have been ungrateful for the good gifts you give to us, and uncaring for those of others. We have turned a blind eye to illicit profit and unfair wages. We love the world, and we crave the things of the world. We seek to get our way by deception, dishonesty, and cunning. And we are comfortable with ungodly gain of wealth, reputation, honor, and power.**

Christ Jesus, in thought, word, and deed you never defrauded or shortchanged anyone. You are entirely honest, fair, and generous, richly giving mercy and grace to the undeserving, and lavishly loving sinners like us. Through your blood, forgive us for our many trespasses.

Holy Spirit, give us that great gain of godliness with contentment. Let us not be proud of our possessions or set our hopes on this age. Lead us then to store up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust cannot destroy, and thieves can never break in. And so, as we now silently confess our sins, search out our hearts for all worldliness and discontentment and greed.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: *“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”* TITUS 3:4-7

Repentant Christian, take comfort in the lavish mercy and grace of Jesus Christ your Savior, who has surely forgiven your sins.

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 371

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

- * THE SERMON TEXT EPHESIANS 4:1-3
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD REV. NATHAN MORGAN

WORTHY WALKING



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

- * HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 456
By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SURSUM CORDA

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

- * HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 449

We Rest on Thee vs 1, 2, 4

PEOPLE: AMEN!

- * BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26

- * CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

WELCOME

We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. We would like to get to know you better, so please fill out the Connection Card found in the pockets on the back of each pew.

IF I AM A VISITOR, MAY I PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNION?

- 1) Have you been baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, either as an infant or adult?
- 2) Have you publicly professed your faith in Christ and embraced the Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles' Creed?
- 3) Are you presently a member in good standing of a Bible-believing church?

If you can affirm these questions sincerely, the elders welcome you to the Lord's Table!

THE NURSERY & TRAINING ROOM

Our nursery is located in the first room on the right down the hallway. There are not volunteers working in the nursery, but if you need a place to change a diaper, nurse, or calm a fussy infant, you are welcome to use the nursery room. The training room is located in the back of the sanctuary. If your little ones are becoming loud, but you still want to participate in worship, this room was designed for you.

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I therefore,
a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to walk in a
manner worthy of the
calling to which
you have been called,
with all humility and
gentleness,
with patience, bearing
with one another in love,
eager to maintain
the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Sunday, April 18, 2021