First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington July 26, 2020

Call to Worship: based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say, **"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"**

God's Greeting

Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy!" cry; "He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High." Praise and honor, power and glory be to him who reigns alone; We, with all his hands have fashioned, fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth; Lamb of God whose blood has bought us, kings and priests, to reign on earth. Wealth and wisdom, power and glory, honor, might, dominion, praise Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days. ("Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship" words by Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1975, Hope Publishing Co., CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Call to Confession: Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: 1 John 5:14-15

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of him.

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free; Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me. God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul. His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began; Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man. God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own. Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed forgiven and secure. All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure. God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face; And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace. ("God of Grace" words and music by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea, © 2003 Thank You Music, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

Video Presentation

Morning Prayer

Scripture: I Corinthians 10:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

I Corinthians 11:17-22, 33-34 (ESV)

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message: When You Come Together

Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

A Hymn of Joy We Sing

A hymn of joy we sing around Thy table Lord; Again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.

Here have we seen Thy face and felt Thy presence near; So may the savor of Thy grace in word and life appear.

In self-forgetting love be our communion shown, Until we join the Church above and know as we are known. Amen. ("A Hymn of Joy We Sing" Words by Aaron R. Wolfe, Music by Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, Public Domain CCLI# 358926 Streaming License #20317932)

God's Blessing

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