



Worship Order

May 5, 2024

Nothing makes a deathbed so uneasy and hard
as a life spent in the service of sin and lust;
nothing makes a deathbed so soft and sweet
as a life spent in the service of God and Christ.

Matthew Mead

The Prelude

The Welcome and The Call to Preparation

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him.
(Habakkuk 2:20)

The Word

The Call to Worship*

"Listen to me," declares the Lord, "and bring in no burden on the Sabbath day, but keep the Sabbath holy and bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord." (Jeremiah 17:24, 26)

The Prayer of Invocation*

The Hymn of Praise*

Hymn #2 "O Worship the King"

The Receiving of New Members

9:00am Service: Trent and Anita Cooper

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglecting to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and short-comings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind bring my spirit into subjection, but instead You rule over me in liberty and power.

I thank You that many of my prayers have been refused. I have asked wrongly and do not have, I have prayed from lusts and been rejected, I have longed for Egypt and been given a wilderness. Go on with Your patient work, answering 'no' to my wrongful prayers, and fitting me to accept it. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to Your rule. I thank You for Your wisdom and Your love, for all the acts of discipline to which I am subject, for sometimes putting me into the furnace to refine my gold and remove my dross.

No trial is so hard to bear as a sense of sin. If You should give me the choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, every remainder of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Then I shall bless You, O God, for helping me to be upright. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
(*Romans 3:28*)

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 68:24-35

Your procession is seen, O God,
the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary—
the singers in front, the musicians last,
between them virgins playing tambourines:
“Bless God in the great congregation,
the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!”
There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead,
the princes of Judah in their throng,
the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

Summon your power, O God,
the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.
Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to you.
Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds,
the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples.
Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute;
scatter the peoples who delight in war.
Nobles shall come from Egypt;
Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*
to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—
he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory Text and Prayer

Let us worship the Lord together through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

(1 Chronicles 16:35)

The Psalm of Thanksgiving (to be sung during the offering)

Psalm 2B “Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?”

(to the tune of “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”)

Why do Gentile nations rage,
And their useless plots design?
Kings of earth in schemes engage,
Rulers are in league combined.
They speak out against the LORD;
His Messiah they defy:
“Let us break their chains and cords,
Let us cast them off,” they cry.

He who sits in heaven laughs,
For the Lord views them with scorn.
He will speak to them in wrath,
And in anger He will warn:
“Yet according to My will,
I have set My King to reign;
And on Zion’s holy hill,
My Anointed will remain.”

“I the LORD’s decree make known;
This is what He had to say:
He declared, ‘You are My Son;
I have brought You forth this day.
Ask of Me and You I’ll make
Heir to earth and nations all.
Them with iron and rod You’ll break,
Smashing them in pieces small.’”

Therefore kings now heed this word:
Earthly judges, come and hear.
Rev’rent worship give the LORD;
With your joy mix trembling fear.
Honor Him, His wrath to turn,
Lest you perish in your stride,
For His anger soon may burn.
Blessed are all who in Him hide.

The House of Prayer

Leader: You are a God who is worshiped and glorified by people worldwide.

Congregation: For you, O Lord, are glorious in the heavens, yet you dwell with the lowly.

Leader: You ride in the heavens and send out your voice into all the earth.

Congregation: For you, O Lord, are glorious in the heavens, yet you dwell with the lowly.

Leader: You are awesome in your sanctuary, yet no building or dwelling can contain you.

Congregation: For you, O Lord, are glorious in the heavens, yet you dwell with the lowly.

(Leader Continues in Prayer)

The Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn #95 "Though Troubles Assail Us"

The Word Preached

Pastor Adam Parker

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon Title: *“The Great Commandment”*

Matthew 22:34-40

- ³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
- ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
- ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
- ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.
- ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Sermon Notes

Main Point: Christians are called to love God supremely and love our neighbor unselfishly.

Outline:

1. Love God (v. 34-38)

2. Love Others (v. 39-40)

Next Week: “David’s Lord is David’s Son” (Matthew 22:41-46)

The Sacrament

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 24: How are these articles divided?

Answer: Into three parts: the first is of God the Father and our creation; the second, of God the Son and our redemption; the third, of God the Holy Ghost and our sanctification (1 Peter 1:2).

Question 25: Since there is but one Divine Being (Deut. 6:4), why do you speak of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

Answer: Because God has so revealed Himself in His Word (Isa. 61:1; Ps. 110:1; Matt. 3:16–17; Matt. 28:19; 1 John 5:7), that these three distinct persons are the one, true, eternal God.

The Fencing of the Table

You are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table if you are a member in good standing of this or another Bible-believing, gospel-preaching church. We also welcome children who have been admitted to the table by the elders of their church.

**GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IN THE CENTER OF TRAY
PURPLE CUP = WINE / CLEAR CUP = JUICE**

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Communion Hymn

Hymn #425 “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

*The Doxology** (Hymn #731)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

*The Benediction**



Adult Sunday School

The Belgic Confession

Article 14: The Creation and Fall of Man, and His Incapacity to Perform What Is Truly Good

We believe that God created man out of the dust of the earth, and made and formed him after His own image and likeness,⁽¹⁾ good, righteous, and holy, capable in all things to will agreeably to the will of God.⁽²⁾ But being in honor he understood it not, neither knew his excellency,⁽³⁾ but willfully subjected himself to sin, and consequently to death and the curse, giving ear to the words of the devil.⁽⁴⁾ For the commandment of life which he had received, he transgressed⁽⁵⁾; and by sin separated himself from God⁽⁶⁾ who was his true life, having corrupted his whole nature⁽⁷⁾ whereby he made himself liable to corporal and spiritual death.⁽⁸⁾ And being thus become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all his ways, he hath lost all his excellent gifts which he had received from God⁽⁹⁾ and only retained a few remains thereof,⁽¹⁰⁾ which, however, are sufficient to leave man without excuse,⁽¹¹⁾ for all the light which is in us is changed into darkness,⁽¹²⁾ as the Scriptures teach us, saying: *The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not*; where St. John calleth men darkness.⁽¹³⁾

Therefore we reject all that is taught repugnant to this concerning the free will of man, since man is but a slave to sin⁽¹⁴⁾ and has nothing of himself unless it is given him from heaven.⁽¹⁵⁾ For who may presume to boast that he of himself can do any good, since Christ saith, *No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him?*⁽¹⁶⁾ *Who will glory in his own will, who understands that to be carnally minded is enmity against God?*⁽¹⁷⁾ Who can speak of his knowledge, *since the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God?*⁽¹⁸⁾ In short, who dare suggest any thought, since he knows that *we are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves, but that our sufficiency is of God?*⁽¹⁹⁾ And therefore what the apostle saith ought justly to be held sure and firm, that *God worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*⁽²⁰⁾ For there is no will nor understanding conformable to the divine will and understanding but what Christ hath wrought in man, which He teaches us when He saith, *Without Me ye can do nothing.*⁽²¹⁾

- (1) Gen. 1:26; Eccl. 7:29
- (2) Gen. 1:31 ; Eph. 4:24
- (3) Isa. 59:2
- (4) Gen. 3:6, 17
- (5) Gen 2:16,17
- (6) Isa. 59:2
- (7) Eph. 4:18, Gen 6:5; Eph 2:1
- (8) Rom.. 5:12; Gen. 2:17; 3:19
- (9) Rom. 3:10 psalm 51:5
- (10) Acts 14:16–17; 17:27
- (11) Rom. 1:20, 21; Acts 17:27
- (12) Eph. 5:8; Matt. 6:23
- (13) John 1:5
- (14) Isa. 26:12; John 8:34; Rom. 6:17; 7:5, 17
- (15) John 3:27
- (16) John 3:27; 6:44, 65
- (17) Rom. 8:7
- (18) 1 Cor. 2:14;
- (19) 2 Cor. 3:5
- (20) Phil. 2:13
- (21) John 15:5

For Family Worship Week of May 5

As your family takes time to worship privately this week, we hope that the following prompts will be helpful to you. They are designed, in the first three days of the week, to help you reflect on the past Sunday's sermon. The next two are designed to turn your eyes toward the coming Sunday's sermon text. Please turn to the "House of Prayer" section of the bulletin for subjects to pray over this week.

Day 1

Past Sunday's Text: Matthew 22:34-40

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:36-38
- Meditation: We begin again with the question. What question is being asked of Jesus? Jesus answers by assuming that the question is correct: there is a great commandment. What does he say that is? In what way does this great commandment summarize all of the law and all of the prophets? How can we strive to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind? What should we do when we fail to live up to this command?
- Close in Prayer

Day 2

- Open Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:36-39
- Meditation: Jesus mentions a second commandment that goes with the first. What is the second commandment that he mentions? Jesus seems to put these on the same level. Why do you think Jesus mentions these two together rather than just saying there is only one? Do you think we might be imbalanced and fail to love people if we thought all we were supposed to do is love God?
- Close in Prayer

Day 3

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:36-40
- Meditation: In some ways does it make God's law seem less daunting for the believer to think of it more as two commandments than as ten? Think about how Jesus' teaching on these two great commandments relates to the rest of Matthew's gospel so far. In what ways has Jesus loved God with all his heart, soul, and mind? In what ways has Jesus loved his neighbor as himself?
- Close in Prayer

Day 4

Next Sunday's Text: Matthew 22:41-46

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Psalm 110:1-3
- Meditation: In this Psalm, Yahweh invites the future king from David's line to sit at his right hand. In this Psalm, Yahweh speaks in verse 1 to the future king. What can we learn about the future king from David's line from this statement by Yahweh? What are some of the ways that David responds to God's word in verse 1? How should we respond to such a wonderful statement? How we might apply what we see here?
- Close in Prayer

Day 5

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Psalm 110:4-7
- Meditation: In verse 4, Yahweh speaks again to the future king from David's line. What were the role of priests in the life of Israel? What do you think it means for the future king to also be a priest? Why would such a king be superior to the other kings in Israel's history? Jesus applies this passage to himself, and we know that Jesus is our great high priest. What kind of security do we have, knowing that Jesus is the great high priest of all his people?
- Close in Prayer