

Helping Others *to Know* Christ

Learning Together *to Live* for Christ

 Order of Worship 

The Lord’s Day – February 2, 2020

# Welcome

# Silent Preparation

*We set aside the cares of life in order to prepare to meet with our God in worship.*

# The Call to Worship From Psalm 47

God reminds us that he wants to meet with us, and that he delights in our worship.

​Leader: ​Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

# Songs of Praise

We sing praises to God as our Creator and Redeemer. Allow the rich, beautiful words of these great songs to make their way into your heart and mind.

# The Invocation

We ask God to meet with us in worship, to speak to us by his Word, and to accept our prayers and praises.

# Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 18:20-40

We hear the story of God’s plan to redeem the world through Israel.

# Confession of Sin

We acknowledge our sins and our confidence in God’s mercy and forgiveness as we rejoice in his love and complete acceptance of us through faith in Jesus Christ.

**O Father, we come to you today confessing not only our sins but also our illusions of righteousness. The deceitfulness of our hearts wants us to believe that we need your grace and mercy less than we once did. Instead of growing in our knowledge of our sin, we often see ourselves like the pharisee who thanked you that he was “not like those people.” We can be blinded by our own feelings of self-sufficiency and forget that we need you as much now, if not more, than we ever have. Give us eyes to see the ugliness of our remaining sin and cause us to run to Jesus all the more for mercy, only to find you, our good Father, waiting for us with open arms. Amen.**

# Assurance of Forgiveness

We rejoice in God’s reminder of our complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Leader: The LORD says, “I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud  
and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

**People: Praise God for his mercy and grace!**

# Songs of Thanksgiving

We praise and thank God for his goodness and mercy to us in Jesus Christ.

# Prayers for the Church and World

We lift up our requests to God, knowing that he is pleased to hear us when we pray.

# The Lord’s Prayer

# The Offering

We offer our gifts and our lives to God as an act of worship. Please note: Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church, which runs September through May. **Children who are 4, 5, or 6 on September 1st attend for that year**. Please sign and pass the fellowship pad to let us know you joined us for worship today.

# New Testament Reading Mark 1:21-39

God speaks to us again through his Holy Word.

# Preaching of God’s Word Rev. Adam L. Brice

*The Power and Authority of the King*

# Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper is the family meal for all baptized Christians. It is not a meal for good people. It’s a meal for sinful, broken people who trust in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness, who are at peace with God and with others, and who want the help of the Holy Spirit to love God and live more faithfully as followers of Jesus Christ. If you are not yet a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in communion today, we encourage you simply to remain seated and to use this time for silent prayer and reflection. Please see the prayers printed on page 6 for further help in doing this.

Children who profess faith in Jesus and who have been approved to receive communion by the elders of this church or by the church leadership of your church are welcome to come forward to receive communion with you. Children who have not yet received communion are still encouraged to come forward with their families so that we might pray for them briefly.

We use wine in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper in keeping with Jesus’ own example. However, grape juice is provided in the cups with the lighter colored drink at the center of each tray if you prefer not to drink wine.

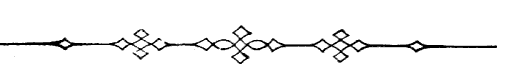
# Closing Song

We praise and thank God for all that we have seen and heard in this worship service.

# The Benediction

We lift up our heads and even our hands to receive God’s blessing as he sends us out into the world to bear witness to the blessings of life under his loving rule as king.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**



Prayers During Communion 

A PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me faith to trust you and courage to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding of you that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN JESUS

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever realized, but I see now that, through faith in you, I am more loved and accepted by God than I ever dared hope. Thank you for paying the penalty for my sins, for bearing on the cross the punishment I deserve, and for offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you are raised from the dead and praying for me in the presence of God the Father, I turn from my sin and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my deepest needs and desires. Remind me again of your mercy toward sinners. Help me to set aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and to follow you in the path of growing faith and obedience, knowing that path leads to eternal life. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, thank you for allowing me to grow up in a Christian family where I can hear the good news about you. Help me to understand who you are and what you have done for me by dying for sins and rising from the dead. Help me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for salvation and life. Teach me how to live for you as one of your disciples. Amen.