

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Readings from God's Holy Word

Deuteronomy 7:6-8
John 3:1-5
Romans 8:29-30
Ephesians 2:1-10

Amazing Grace! (see handout)

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

The Christian Life: "The Order of Salvation"

How Marvelous, How Wise, How Great (see handout)

Prayer

Announcements

Welcome. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor, please feel free to pick up a blue informational folder outside the entrances to the sanctuary to learn more about our church. Also, please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place in the offering plate so we can have a record of your visit. Thank you.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Ordination of Officers: The risen and ascended Christ gives gifts to his church by appointing ministers, elders and deacons to do and oversee the work of the church. The act of ordination sets these servants apart to do the work God has appointed for them to do. Christians are commanded to obey their leaders, to follow their lead, to receive God's Word from them and to let them watch over your soul.

Hear ye! Hear ye! To all musicians and musical "wanna-be's" today begins the new season for handbell choir and the regular choir. Please come out today at 4 pm for handbells. It will be a "get-to-know-you" time and a light rehearsal. Following that, at 5 pm we will provide a light supper for both the handbells and choir. Choir members (and those newly interested), come at 5 to eat and then stay for a short rehearsal after the supper. We will be done in time for the 6 pm service. Please come join us and give it a try!

Ladies of the Church: If you are interested in a weekday Bible study, please contact Pastor Crotts. The ARP Women's Ministry study book is Dale Ralph Davis' *Joshua: No Failing Words*. Tentative plans are for a study on Tuesday or Wednesday morning at 11:15.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Our study will be: *The Christian Life*.

5th Sunday Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social. Plan to join us on August 30 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall for this time of singing and fellowship.

1st Saturday Workday. Please make plans to serve from 9 AM to noon on the first Saturdays of each month. The projects for September 5 are: Power washing, window cleaning, and switching the nursery room.

Missions BBQ/Cookout. Mark your calendar for September 26 from 4-8 PM and join us for good food and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton and Mary Jane Glass
Next Week:
Counter: Today: David Newton
Next Week: John Robinson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: David Newton

Tithes and Offerings for August 16:

General Fund:	\$5,091.75
Financial Report:	
July Contributions:	\$20,443.16
July Expenses:	18,502.85
YTD Contributions:	103,418.42
YTD Expenses:	115,919.89

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God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7c

**The Lord's Day
August 23, 2015**

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Ed Limon*

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary for Silent Prayer

Votum Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Salutation Revelation 1:4-5

Call to Worship* Acts 17:24-28

Hymn of Adoration*
#4 How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Praise*
#623 Gloria Patri

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Proverbs 20:9; Daniel 9:9

Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"? To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.

Hymn of Faith*
#58 This Is My Father's World

Reading of the New Testament 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Minister The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who 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, 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.

The Lord's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory David Newton
A Passion for Thee

Hymn of Praise*

#625

Doxology

*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*

Reading of the Old Testament Proverbs 3:9-10

Minister The grass withers and the flower fades
People **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
A Godly Balance Sheet

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment*
#185 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

SERMON NOTES

- Giving to God is _____

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