

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word 1 Samuel 15

Hymn
#6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Heidelberg Catechism **Lord's Day 25**

65. Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?

A. From the Holy Spirit, who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.

66. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use he might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel. And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.

67. Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes, indeed. The Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

68. How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

The Psalms Psalm 3
Peace When There Is No Peace

Prayer

Psalm 2 **Trinity Psalter** **NEW BRITAIN**

O LORD, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise.
How many say, "In vain for help he on his God relies!"

You are my shield and glory; LORD; You lifted up my head.
I cried out, "LORD!" and from his hill to me his answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again the LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God! You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men, their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD, salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore be on your people shown!

Announcements

Welcome. We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. 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.

A Word About Our Worship Service. Confession of Faith: All things necessary for living life and understanding God, reality, salvation and Christian duty are given to us in Scriptures. It is right and good for the people of God to profess with their lips what we believe is true.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 3: *Peace When There Is No Peace.*

Men's Lunch. Join us tomorrow at noon at Southbound Sandwich. We will discuss Chapter 2 of Masculine Mandate.

Ladies Weekly Bible Study. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 11 AM for our Bible Study on Joshua: No Failing Words by Dale Ralph Davis.

Men's Evening Bible Study. We will have our first Men's evening Bible study. Plan to join us on March 10 at 7 PM at The Blend & Co at 127 E. Front Street, Burlington.

Daylight's Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks forward next Sunday, March 13.

Easter Lilies. If you would like to make a contribution for an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form and place in the envelope provided along with \$13 per plant, and place in the offering by next Sunday, March 13. Checks may be made payable to First ARP Church. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

Bridal Shower. You are invited to a bridal shower for Stephanie Payne and Jordan Strong on Saturday, March 19, 1:00-3:00 at the church building. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond. If you'd like, please bring a favorite recipe to share.

Women's Ministry. Please plan to attend a women's fellowship luncheon Saturday, March 19 at Two for Tea at 3 PM. More details to come.

Easter Breakfast. We will enjoy a covered dish breakfast before our morning service (Sunday School hour). There will be a detailed announcement in this Tuesday's newsletter.

Baby Shower. Save the date for a baby shower for Kristen and Travis Carter. Saturday, April 2, 2016. Time: TBD.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Bryan Ickes and _____
Next Week: Vickie McPherson and Carol Erb
Counter: Today: Jay Snow
Next Week: Bennett Richardson
Deacon on Duty: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Glenn Owens

Tithes and Offering from 2/21:
General Fund: \$2,783.23
Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:
General Fund: \$5,027.44

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But I have this against you,
that you have abandoned the love you had at first.
Revelation 2:4

The Lord's Day
March 6, 2016

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* Psalm 35

Hymn of Adoration*
#76 O for a Thousand Tongues

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 84. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Q. 85. What does God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Song of Praise*

72 We Will Glorify

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, teach me the nature of a sacrament as a seal and pledge of love, that Christ is faithful to make himself a present reality to his own who are guests at his table. Assure me by it that his word is made good to my faith, that his life begun in me will be perfected hereafter, that my covenant with him is confirmed, that he gives himself to all who take him thankfully. As I come to the feast, help me to repent of my sins against you, and my neglect of duties towards myself, my family, my church, my friends, by not instructing, exhorting, being an example, reflecting your glory, my idleness and sloth, and my lack of tender love. Heal me now, as I approach your table, and fill me with all grace, with yourself. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon John 6:48-51

I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever.

Hymn of Redemption* Stuart Christopher Townsend
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Reading of the Old Testament

Habakkuk 2:2-20

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/Anthem Choir
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Psalm of Praise*
#625 Doxology

Reading of the New Testament Hebrews 6:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word Rev. Bryan Crotts
Counting on You & Counting on God

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Commitment
#356 Under His Wings

Benediction*

Postlude *Ed Limon*

The **Lord's Supper** will be administered today as part of our morning worship service. The Lord's Supper is for those who have been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, have publicly professed their faith in Christ, and are members of an evangelical church. Children who have not yet made a profession of faith and united with the church should refrain from taking the elements.

Sermon Notes