

Order of Sunday Evening Service
6:00 PM

Prelude

Reading from God's Holy Word Romans 8:1-39

Hymn
#43 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 31

83. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and church discipline. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and closed to unbelievers.

84. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and closed by the preaching of the gospel?

A. According to the command of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is opened when it is proclaimed and publicly testified to each and every believer that God has really forgiven all their sins for the sake of Christ's merits, as often as they by true faith accept the promise of the gospel. The kingdom of heaven is closed when it is proclaimed and testified to all unbelievers and hypocrites that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them as long as they do not repent. According to this testimony of the gospel, God will judge both in this life and in the life to come.

85. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by church discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ, people who call themselves Christians but show themselves to be un-christian in doctrine or life are first repeatedly admonished in a brotherly manner. If they do not give up their errors or wickedness, they are reported to the church, that is, to the elders. If they do not heed also their admonitions, they are forbidden the use of the sacraments, and they are excluded by the elders from the Christian congregation, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ. They are again received as members of Christ and of the church when they promise and show real amendment.

Prayers of the Congregation

Adoration - Confession - Thanksgiving - Supplication

The Psalms Psalm 9
Whole-Hearted Thanks & Trust

Prayer

Hymn Trinity Psalter 9 Handout

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. Pastoral Prayer: God's people spend time privately and corporately praying to God for things concerning the needs of the congregation, the mission of the local church, the advance of God's kingdom and the needs of those supported by the church to fulfill the Great Commission. Prayers are also made for all people, governing authorities, our enemies and those in need of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Nights @ First. Join us tonight at 6 PM. We will sing, pray and hear from God's Word. Psalm 9: *Whole-Hearted Thanks & Trust*

Young at Heart. Our next luncheon will be this Tuesday April 26 at 11:45. We will have Lasagna, salad and rolls. Contributions of other pasta dishes, vegetables and desserts will be appreciated. After the meal, we look forward to Bryan and Sarah Ickes making a presentation on their family life of foster parenting and adoption.

The Lord's Supper. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will next be served on Sunday, May 1, during worship. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important way in which the Lord graciously feeds his saints.

Sympathy. Please pray for the family of Rucker Turner who passed away on April 20, 2016.

Short-Term Missions & Jubilee Birthday Report. On May 22, Sheila Osborne, a representative from World Witness, will be here during the Sunday School hour to speak about short-term missions opportunities through the denomination. She will also speak about the Jubilee Birthday Celebration Offering that we collect each year. Additionally, Ed and Lynn Limon will share about their summer missions opportunity in Mexico.

Missions Sunday & Congregational Lunch. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5. Drew and Lauren Goodman will be with us for Sunday School, Worship, and Lunch. Pastor Goodman will share in the Sunday School hour, preach in our morning service, and be available during lunch to tell us about their pastoral ministry in Wales. They serve through the denomination's World Witness agency and serve the evangelical church in Wales.

Ministry Information

Nursery: Today: Nicole Newton and Sarah Ickes
Next Week: Nicole Newton and _____
Counter: Today: Stephen Robinson
Next Week: Jay Snow
Deacon on Duty: Today: Glenn Owens
Next Week: Stephen Robinson

Last Week's Tithes and Offerings:
General Fund: \$3,582.88

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“Behold, the days are coming declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah.”
Jeremiah 31:31

The Lord's Day
April 24, 2016

Order of Worship

11:00 AM

Greeting of the Saints *The Congregation & Visitors*

Prelude *Julie Snow*

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 24

Hymn of Adoration*
#111 Join All the Glorious Names

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation*

Affirmation of Faith

34. How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all foreshadow Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

35. How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?

Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the word, and the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper; in which grace and salvation are held forth in more fullness, evidence, and efficacy, to all nations.

36. Who is the mediator of the covenant of grace?

The only mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Song of Praise*

#623

Gloria Patri

Corporate Confession of Sin

We, O Lord, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness. We have loved other gods before you and become their servants. We have not worshipped you in spirit and in truth and so we have mocked your glory in heaven. We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth. We have desecrated your Sabbath because we have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored our fathers and mothers and so we have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us through Jesus Christ our Savior for we have not kept your law. Forgive us we pray. Be gracious to us though unworthy. Enable us by your Holy Spirit so to live our lives, not as our own, but as those who have been purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ – offering our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

Hymn of Redemption*

#198

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Reading of the Old Testament

Jeremiah 31

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

When You Pass Through the Waters

Choir

Psalm of Praise*

#625

Doxology

Reading of the New Testament

Hebrews 8:1-13

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Bryan Crotts

Out With the Old & In With the New

Prayer to Seal God's Word

Hymn of Commitment

#210

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction*

Postlude

Ed Limon

Sermon Notes

1 - A Minister in the True Tabernacle

2 - A Mediator of a Better Covenant

* Congregation Standing