

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Christ Reformed Church

August 23, 2020

*We exist to glorify and enjoy our Triune God
in Sioux Falls and to the ends of the earth
by calling sinners like us to be reconciled to God the Father
through His saving grace in His Son, Jesus Christ,
who equips us for lives of grateful service
by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the Gospel*

10:00 am Worship Service

(*) Congregation Stands

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

Praise the Lord!
Praise the name of the Lord,
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Silent Prayer

***Declaration of Dependence (Votum):**

Where does your help come from?

**Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the Maker of
heaven and earth.**

***Salutation**

Philippians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

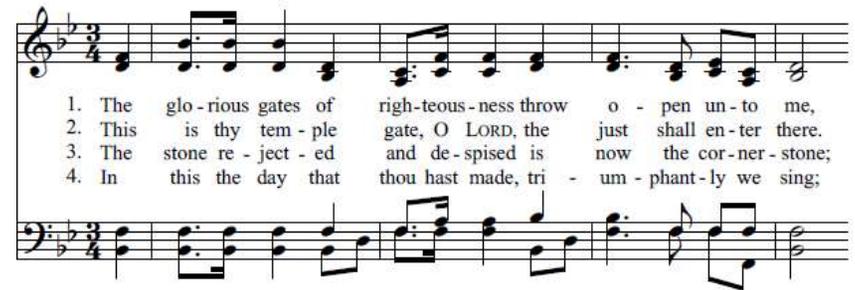
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"The Glorious Gates of Righteousness"

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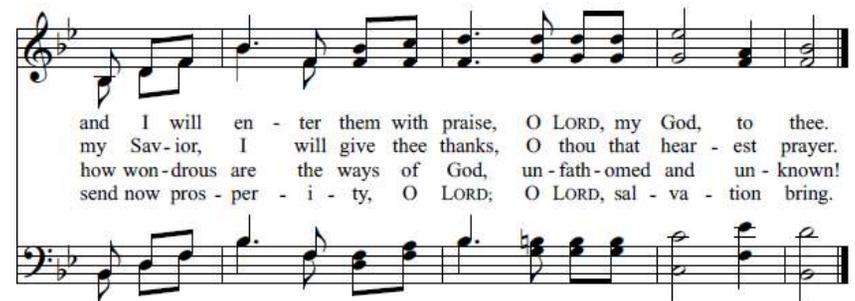
118B The Glorious Gates of Righteousness



1. The glo - rious gates of righ - teous - ness throw o - pen un - to me,
2. This is thy tem - ple gate, O LORD, the just shall en - ter there.
3. The stone re - ject - ed and de - spised is now the cor - ner - stone;
4. In this the day that thou hast made, tri - um - phant - ly we sing;



and I will en - ter them with praise, O LORD, my God, to thee,
My Sav - ior, I will give thee thanks, O thou that hear - est prayer;
how won - drous are the ways of God, un - fath - omed and un - known;
send now pros - per - i - ty, O LORD; O LORD, sal - va - tion bring;



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7. O LORD, my God, I praise thy name, all other names above;
O give him thanks, for he is good, and boundless in his love;
O give him thanks, for he is good, and boundless in his love.

8. O praise the LORD, for he is good; let all in heav'n above
and all the saints on earth proclaim his everlasting love,
and all the saints on earth proclaim his everlasting love.

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The Psalter, 1912; alt.

ZERAH 8.6.8.6.8.6.
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G O D ' S P E O P L E C O N F E S S

***Confession of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

- 1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
A. That I am not my own,
but belong –
body and soul,
in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
And has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

***Song of Response: 100A:1** *Shout to the LORD, All Earth*
Shout to the LORD, all earth, and make a joyful noise! With gladness
serve the LORD your God; before him lift your voice! Now know the
LORD is God. He made us, we are his – his people and his sheep,
who safely in his pasture graze.

God's Will for Our Lives

Mark 7:14-23

And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Song of Confession: 180

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"Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned"

Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Song of Confession: 180

180 Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned

1. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have sinned in your sight, we have
2. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we've ne - glect - ed your Word and the
3. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have bro - ken your laws and in
4. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, in Christ's death on the cross you pro -
5. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, bid us lift up our heads and com -

all wan - dered far from your way; we have fol - lowed de - sire,
truth that would guide us a - right; we have lived in the shade
• con - duct have veered from the norm; we have dreamed of the good,
vid - ed a cleans - ing from sin; speak the words that for - give,
mand us to rise from our knees; may our hearts now be changed

we have failed to as - pire to the vir - tue we ought to dis - play.
of the dark we have made, when you willed us to walk in the light.
• but the good that we could we have fire - quent - ly failed to per - form.
that hence - forth we may live by the might of your Spir - it with - in.
and no long - er es - tranged, thro' the pow'r of your par - don and peace.

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GOD NOURISHES HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 2A

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"Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?"

Reading of the Word

Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Preaching of the Word

Matthew 21:33-46

"The Parable of the Tenants" (notes on p. 8)

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 284

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"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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***Song of Preparation: 2A**

Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?

2A

The Lord replaces wicked tenants in his vineyard.

1. The Lord's Vineyard (v. 33)

1. ¹Why do hea-then na-tions rage? Why do peo-ples plot in vain?
2. ⁴He who sits in heav-en laughs; God de-rides and mocks them all.
3. ⁷I will tell of his de-cree: this to me the LORD did say,
4. ¹⁰There-fore kings, be wise, be warned; rul-ers of the earth, give ear.

2. The Lord's Messengers (vv. 34-41)

²Kings and rul-ers join to wage war a- gainst God's roy- al reign.
²Then to them he speaks in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:
"You are my be- lov- ed Son, I have brought you forth this day.
¹¹Come with awe and serve the LORD; min- gle joy with trem- bling fear.

3. The Lord's Doing (vv. 42-46)

Speak- ing out a- gainst the LORD, his A- noint- ed they de- fy:
⁶Yet ac- cord- ing to my will, I have set my king to reign;
⁸Ask for all the earth a- broad; you shall own the na- tions far.
¹²Kiss the Son, his an- ger turn, lest you per- ish in the way,

³"Let us break a- part their cords, cast a- way their chains," they cry.
fixed on Zi- on's ho- ly hill, my A- noint- ed will re- main."
⁹You will break them with a rod, dash them like a pot- ter's jar."
for his wrath will quick- ly burn. All who trust him— blest are they!

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***Song of Application: 284**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(note: all bread is gluten free)

284 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;
 and still he is nigh - his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son,
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.

Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Arr. in William Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Preparation

To all of you who have confessed your sins and affirmed your faith in Christ, the promise of Jesus is sure: *Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink* (John 6:54–55). *For the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me”* (1 Cor. 11:23–25).

While remaining bread and wine, these sacred signs and seals nevertheless become so united to the reality they signify that we do not doubt, but joyfully believe, that in this meal we spiritually receive by faith nothing less than the crucified body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Warning & Invitation

For all who live in rebellion against God and in unbelief, this holy food and drink will bring you only further condemnation. If you do not yet profess Jesus Christ and seek to live under his gracious reign, we ask you to refrain from partaking today. Moreover, as part of this submission to Christ, if you have not joined yourself in a meaningful way to a true church* as an active, professing member, we ask you to not partake. (We invite you to speak with an elder to clear up any confusion you may have before you partake.)

But all repentant believers are invited to this sacred meal, not because you are worthy in yourself, but because you are clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness. Therefore, do not allow the weakness of your faith or your sinful failings in the Christian life to keep you from this table. For this supper is given to us because of our weakness and because of our failures, in order to increase our faith by feeding our souls with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. As the Word has promised us God's favor, so also our Heavenly Father has added this confirmation of his unchangeable promise. So come, believing sinners, for the table is ready. *Taste and see that the Lord is good* (Ps. 34:8a).

**For more information, please see our Lord's Supper handout at the back, as well as Belgic Confession, Article 28.*

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE FORTH

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the blood of your only begotten Son has secured for us a new and living way into the Holy of Holies, cleanse our minds and hearts by your Word and Spirit that we, your redeemed people may draw close to you through this holy sacrament and may enjoy fellowship with the Holy Trinity through the body and blood of Christ our Savior. We know that our Ascended Savior does not live in temples made by hands, but is in heaven where he continues to intercede on our behalf. Through this sacrament, by Your own Word and Spirit, may these common elements be now set apart from ordinary use, consecrated by You, so that just as truly as we eat and drink these elements by which our life is sustained, so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life, the true body and true blood of Christ. Father, we seek to receive your gifts by faith, the mouth of our souls. So please feed us now and strengthen our faith. For we pray all of these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Communion

Let us now go to our Heavenly Table and receive the gift of God for our souls. For just as truly as we eat this bread and drink this cup, so truly he nourishes and refreshes our soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood. By the Holy Spirit through faith, we receive nothing less than Jesus Christ and all is saving benefits.

Therefore, beloved congregation, lift up your hearts!
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

The bread which we break is a communion of the body of Christ. Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was broken for a complete forgiveness of all our sins.

The cup of blessing which we bless is a communion of the blood of Christ. Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for a complete forgiveness of all our sins.

*After the distribution of the elements, please wait to partake
until we can do so together as a body.*

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund

Offering basket available on the back table

***Doxology: 562:1-2** *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound: ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

***Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

***Moment of Meditation**

Postlude We cordially invite you to stay for a time of fellowship after the service.

Studies for Growing in Grace

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. – “*Family Catechism*” is a Sunday school class for people (families & individuals) from 14 years and up. For younger ages, there are Bible-based classes called “*Show Me Jesus*” and an older class looking at the covenant history of redemption.

Contentment – This women's study is for all ages that meets at the church building on the 2nd and 4th Wed. evenings @ 6:30pm.

Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love – This men's Bible study group meets here at the church building on Saturdays @ 9:00am.

Adult Bible Study – This study typically occurs on the first Friday of every month at the church building, and covers topics including marriage, family, and faith in adult-life.

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