

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 1, 2019

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:38-39**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

#### Greeting and Blessing\*

#### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 150 (p. 841)

#### Hymn of Preparation\*

“The Church’s One Foundation” Hymn 347

#### Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

**Leader:** Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of sin, but also the assurance of forgiveness. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ.

**All:** All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

#### Private Confession of Our Sins

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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# ADORATION AND PRAISE

#### First Reading\*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

#### Congregational Response

“O Word of God Incarnate” Hymn 140

#### Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 58.** *What is required in the fourth commandment?*

**A.** The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

**Q. 59.** *Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?*

**A.** From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

**Q. 60.** *How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?*

**A.** The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

**Q. 61.** *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?*

**A.** The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

**Q. 62.** *What are the reasons attached to the fourth commandment?*

**A.** The reasons attached to the fourth commandment are, God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

#### Tithes and Offerings

#### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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.

#### 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,

And 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.

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## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Second Reading\***

Acts 19:1-20

**Congregational Response** (Psalm 150)

“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” Hymn 10

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

“The Man of the Gerasenes”  
Luke 8:26-39

Pastor Trey Jasso

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 295

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

We can’t overlook the two main ideas shown in this account of the power and love of Jesus. First, Christ is the one who battles the forces of evil on behalf of his people. Christ, as the covenant mediator for his people, delivers them from sin and death, but also is their assurance from the spiritual forces that lie in wait to devour them. Secondly, it is the eternal love of Christ for his people that moves him to deliver us and protect us. In love our Triune God elects, redeems, and finds all of those who belong to him. The love of Christ for his people is everlasting and faithful. Therefore, because he has first loved us, we are to respond by loving him.

1. How does this account bring a fuller answer to the question asked by the disciples in Luke 8:28, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”
2. Read Matthew 8:28 - 9:1. Compare and contrast some of the details between the two accounts.
3. Read Luke 8:28. What does the begging and pleading from the demon communicate about the power of Jesus?
4. Read Luke 8:31-33. The demons are sent into pigs and drowned. What role does water play in this narrative, and what similarities do you see in the sacrament of baptism? Read Romans 6:1-4.
5. Read Luke 8:35-37. Why are the people afraid?
6. Read Luke 8:39. What do you see in this statement that emphasizes the divinity of Jesus?

