THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. -Martin Luther

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Psalm 22.22-27

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; In the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

People: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, And stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! Leader: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, And he has not hidden his face from him, But has heard, when he cried to him. People: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; My vows I will perform before those who fear him.

Leader: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

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A mighty fortress is our God, / a bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood / of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe / doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; / and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, / our striving would be losing; Were not the right man on our side, / the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? / Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, / from age to age the same, And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, / should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed / his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, / we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, / for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, / no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours / through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, / this mortal life also; The body they may kill: / God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

Romans 1.16-17

Reformation Hymn

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

God Cheers Us Up by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

We will trust God's Word alone, where His perfect will is known; Our traditions shift like sand while His Truth forever stands.

All we claim is Jesus Christ and His finished sacrifice.

Refrain

Through the church He redeemed and made His own. He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home

We will stand on Christ alone, the unvielding Cornerstone; Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore! Refrain

Prayer of Intercession

*Children dismissed to Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading:

Sermon:

The church's one foundation / is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is his new creation / by water and the Word: From heav'n he came and sought her / to be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, / and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, / yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation / one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, / partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, / with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder / men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent as under, / by heresies distressed, Yet saints their watch are keeping, / their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping / shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! / Her dear Lord to defend, To guide, sustain, and cherish, / is with her to the end; Though there be those that hate her, / and false sons in her pale, Against or foe or traitor / she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, / and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation / of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious / her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious / shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union / with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion / with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! / Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, / on high may dwell with thee.

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response:

Glory be, glory be to God alone Through the church He redeemed and made His own. *He has freed us, He will keep us till we're safely home* Glory be, glory be to God alone!

Benediction:

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.

God Consecrates Officers to Lead Us

Romans 3.19-20

We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;

Glory be, glory be to God alone Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone—undeserved, yet freely shown; No accomplishment on earth can achieve the second birth.

Mark 6.30-44

You Feed Them

Hymn of Meditation

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Ordination and Installation of Elders

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Reformation Hymn

We will stand on Christ alone, the unyielding Cornerstone; Nations rage and devils roar, still he reigns forevermore!

Numbers 6.24-26