



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

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*O loving God, to turn away from You is to fall, to turn toward You is to rise, and to stand before You is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties Your help; in all our uncertainties Your guidance; in all our dangers Your protection; and in all our sorrows Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude                      What a Friend We Have in Jesus                      arr. Alice Jordan

The Striking of the Hour

† The Ascription of Praise      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*                      AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

† The Call to Worship                      1 Chronicles 29:10-13                      Mr. McRoberts

Minister:      Praise be to You, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**People:      Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,**

Minister:      For everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

**People:      Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

Minister:      Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

**People:      Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.**

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† The Processional Hymn No. 295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 36:24-28 Page 918 in the Pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson Romans 7:13-25 Page 1200 in the Pew Bible

The Response

Minister: All men are like grass, and all their glory is the like the flowers of the field.

**People: The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

*He Loved Me*  
Chancel Choir

Holck/Fettke

He chose me before the world was known. He chose me to be His very own.  
He made me, then let me choose my way. I chose to move away.  
He loved me when hope had taken wing. He loved me when I lost everything.  
He bought me; redemption's work was done through Jesus Christ, His son.  
Who shall separate me from the love of God? Shall dreams of tomorrow,  
Pain, or sorrow? Can the need of food or earthly possessions,  
The threat of war or man's oppression? In all these things  
Victory is our reward through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Of this I am sure, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
Nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, not height, nor depth,  
Nor any creature shall separate me from the Love of God.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.  
Following the service, please pick up your children from the  
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Sermon

**THE FIGHT OF YOUR LIFE**  
Exposition of Romans, XXV  
Romans 7:13-25

Mr. Curles

*A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.*

The Sacrament of Baptism

Mr. McRoberts

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

† The Hymn of Preparation *The Carol for the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants* ST. ANNE

Each newborn child's a gift from God, a promise He's fulfilled.  
Yet each child needs the cleansing blood that Christ, our Lord, has spilled.

This precious child, this gift from God, this blessing we can hold,  
For him we claim the promises Thy Holy Word foretold.

We dedicate this child to Thee, relying on Thy grace,  
Predestined in his lifetime's walk until he sees Thy face.

Pray, give us length of years, Dear Lord, to train this child to be  
Thy loving servant throughout life and then eternally.

*(words written by W. Mark Anderson, III, as a joyous celebration of the miracle  
of birth, God's gift of life, dedicated to the memory of one child born to a better world)*

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† The Introduction of the Covenant Family

**JACK ROGER BEHM (8:30)**

*Parents:* Mr. and Mrs. Matt Behm (Melissa)

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Chet Moeller

**JOHN CALEB WOOD (11:00)**

**CHARLOTTE WOOD**

*Parents:* Mr. and Mrs. John Wood (Sarah)

*Assisting:* Ruling Elder/Shepherd Ken Williams

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

† The Covenant Vows

*Vows of the Parents*

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Vow of the Congregation*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

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## The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

## The Baptism

## The Covenant Prayer

## † The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## † The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful and He will do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **AMEN.**

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† The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

*Following each service, the congregation is encouraged to greet the covenant family at the front of the church. Join them in their excitement, thanksgiving and anticipation of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Please use this time to assure these parents that you will indeed be there for them in prayer, with encouragement, as a source of refuge and partnership, as well as an aid in instructing their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.*

† The Postlude

Cathedral Fanfare

Gordon Young

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## **The Lord's Day Vespers**

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

SINCE YOU ASKED:

“WHAT DO I DO WITH MY DOUBTS?”

Mark 9:24

Mr. Pendley

### **Communion Served**

*Jesus bids you to come to Him in this sacrament in knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hearts hungering and thirsting for Him. Come to Him all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and He will give you rest...rest for your souls.*

### **All Church Prayer for Healing**

*Ministers and Elders will be praying after the service with all who might have needs for spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing. These opportunities are both personal and loving as well as private and held in confidence.*



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