

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12:4-6

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 215 – Give to Our God Immortal Praise

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism 162, 163, 164 & 161 Q & A

Psalter Hymnal Pg. 961

Minister: What is a sacrament?

Congregation: A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ in his church, to signify, seal, and exhibit unto those that are within the covenant of grace, the benefits of his mediation; to strengthen and increase their faith, and all other graces; to oblige them to obedience; to testify and cherish their love and communion one with another; and to distinguish them from those that are without.

Minster: What are the parts of a sacrament?

Congregation: The parts of the sacrament are two; the one an outward and sensible sign, used according to Christ's own appointment; the other an inward and spiritual grace thereby signified.

Minister: How many sacraments hath Christ instituted in his church under the New Testament?

Congregation: Under the New Testament Christ hath instituted in his church only two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's supper.

Minister: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

Congregation: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not by any power in themselves, or any virtue derived from the piety or intention of him by whom they are administered, but only by the working of the Holy Ghost, and the blessing of Christ, by whom they are instituted.

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 190 – Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty, infinite Father, we fall down before you today as glorious saints who love and worship you, and as weak sinners in need of your forgiveness and grace. Like Abraham, we are often far more ready to fall down and laugh at your promises than we are to fall down in awe and wonder at your perfect holiness and astounding love. Your call to walk blamelessly before you weighs heavily on our hearts. Some of us are very aware of just how far short we fall from this command, and we are full of fear and dejected with disappointment in ourselves. Some of us are very blind to our sin and foolishly imagine ourselves to be doing quite well. Lord, thank you that your mercy is more than a match for all our sins of self-hatred and self-righteousness. Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us faith to believe your promises and live in joyful, confident hope that everything you say is true. When sin threatens to reduce us to despair, show us the covenant love of your Son, crucified for us. Grant us the ability to fall down before the cross each day in confession and repentance, and the grace to shake off our guilty fears and rise with great rejoicing. Give us growing delight in the blamelessness we have in your wonderful Son, and growing strength to live in holiness and obedience to you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” *Genesis 17:7*

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 274 – Jesus, My Great High Priest (Stanza 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:29-41

Pew Bible Pg. 1158

BAPTISM

Silas James Barr

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 195 – Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord (Stanza 1 & 4)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Followed by the Lord's Prayer (“Debts”)

OFFERING and 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.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 22:16 Pew Bible Pg. 1185

Baptism Signifies and Seals God's Forgiveness

Pastor James A. La Belle

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 193 – Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

BENEDICTION

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity; the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. *McKee CM*