THE LORD'S DAY

June 20, 2021

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Psalm 19:12-13

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65:1-8

Pastor: *Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.*

People: **You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #38

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD Luke 13:1-9

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD Pastor Michael Schuelke

Repent or Perish

HYMN OF PRAISE 498

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!

BENEDICTION Galatians 6:15-16

Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

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The Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 15

Repentance Produces Spiritual Life

Turning from sin and choosing life is a result of the good news working in us. Teaching people to turn from their sin and to choose life must be proclaimed by all who serve the good news of Christ. Repentance is as equally important as is putting our faith in Christ.

Through repentance, as sinners, we recognize with new sight and sense not only sin's danger, but the filthy and evil obnoxiousness of our sins. We perceive sin as clearly contrary to God's holy nature and his righteous law. Being apprehended by God's mercy in Christ, as repentant persons, now hating sin, we are moved to grief for past sins. Rejecting our sinful past, as repentant persons, we turn to God, struggling to live our daily life as the Lord commands.

Repentance does not pay for sin nor justify a sinful past. Pardon for sinfulness is an act of God's free grace in Jesus Christ. However, repentance is of such a necessity to all sinners, none of us may expect to be pardoned without it. There is no sin so insignificant it does not deserve God's damnation. Also, there is no sin so great it can bring God's damnation on the truly repentant.