

THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2023

10 O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 115:1:3

Pastor: Not to us, O Yahweh, not to us, but to Your Name
give Glory!

People: For the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.

Pastor: Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

People: Our God is in the heavens: He does all He pleases!

*HYMN OF ADORATION

O Worship the King

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION & LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Luke 11:2-4

Father,

Your name be honored as holy.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us.

And do not bring us into temptation. Amen [HCSB]

CONFESSION OF FAITH

What is prayer?

Prayer is offering our desires to God in the Name of Christ for things that agree with His will, confessing our sins, and thankfully recognizing His mercies.

What do we pray in the first request of the Lord's Prayer?

We pray that God will enable us and others to glorify Him in everything we do. Moreover, that He will work out all things for His own glory.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Insert

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Insert

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

Like a River Glorious

Ushers come forward at this time

#699

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Mark 5:1-20
Pew Bible Pg,998

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Request Denied

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus What A Friend for Sinners

#498

*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

#735

**Stand if you are able*

Our Worship Today

We are praying the "Lord's Prayer" in this morning's service. You might notice that it is shorter than the traditional one found in Matthew's Gospel. Why is that? It is really quite simple. Jesus gave a shorter version to His disciples as it is recorded in Luke's gospel. Jesus in His infinite wisdom knows our proneness to go through the motions even in worship. You might say he mixes things up a little.

Next Lord's Day we Celebrate the Lord's Supper

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday during the morning service. Please take advantage of the Worship insert to prepare you for this service.

Confession of Sin
Based on Psalms 32

Heavenly Father, forgive us when we have kept silent, and not confessed our sins. We have ignored our sin, blamed others, or made excuses. You chastised us as a Father does His children. You mercifully convicted us of our sins by the work of Your Holy Spirit. Then we acknowledged our sin, and no longer covered up our iniquity. We now confess all our sins against You and Your Holy Law. We are assured Father that you no longer count our sins against us because Jesus has died for our sins. We are truly blessed and praise Your Merciful Name; we are glad and rejoice in the LORD.

Assurance of Grace
Psalms 103:11-13

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea. The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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Q. 168. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily participate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

Q. 170. How do they that worthily participate in the Lord's Supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

A. The body and blood of Christ are not physically present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper; and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a physical, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death.

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