

Liturgy
Sunday, January 22, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

The eternal Father, who loved us and set us free from our sins, who loves us still with that love that will not let us go, and who will love us forever, calls us to worship him today as the only true lover of our souls. The Lord stoops to receive the love of our poor hearts. He calls us to remember the depth of his love for us in Christ. God seeks our love!

Song of Adoration: Hymn #296- "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #18- "His Love Can Never Fail"

Song of Thanksgiving: Red Book #41- "Jesus, There's No One Like You"

Confession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 4 & 5

Minister: Q. 4. What does the Law of God require of us?

Congregation: Jesus Christ teaches this in a summary in Matthew 22:37–40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." (Cf. Luke 10:27.)

Minister: Q. 5. Can you keep all this perfectly?

Congregation: No, for by nature I am prone to hate God and my neighbor.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:8-19

Confession of Sin - Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 3, 6 & 7

Minister: Q. 3. Where do you learn of your sin and its wretched consequences?

Congregation: From the Law of God.

Minister: Q. 6. Did God create man evil and perverse like this?

Congregation: No. On the contrary, God created man good, and, in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, love him with his whole heart, and live with him in eternal blessedness, praising and glorifying him.

Minister: Q. 7. Where, then, does this corruption of human nature come from?

Congregation: From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the

Garden of Eden; whereby our human life is so poisoned that we are all conceived and born in the state of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Thanks be to God.

—based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #650- “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, “Jehovah is Salvation”

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

Outline:

- I. Circumcision of Jesus (v. 21)
- II. Mary’s Purification (vv. 22-24)
- III. Jesus Presented in the Temple
 - a. The Prophet, Simeon (vv. 22-36)
 - b. The Prophetess, Anna (vv. 36-38)

The Lord's Supper

- Invitation to Communicants
- Words of Institution
- Distribution of the elements
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

—based on Psalm 24:1

Closing Song: Hymn #384- “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing- vs.1”

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—based on Numbers 6:24-26