

"Here is the terrible paradox of human nature. We know that love alone is the supreme good. Yet to seek that good directly as an achievement of the self-centered ego is to shut oneself in the prison of self-love. That which is our supreme need can only be a gift."

Lesslie Newbigin

"Even if all the physical hunger of the world were satisfied, even if everyone who is hungry were fed by his or her own labor or by the generosity of others, the deepest hunger of man would still exist... Therefore, I say, come, all of you, to Christ. He is the bread of life. Come to Christ and you will never be hungry again."

Karol Wojtyła



ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Public Worship on the Lord's Day
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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 55:1-3a

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live."

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Tenor

When morn-ing gilds the skies, my
When sleep her peace de-nies, my
heart a-wake-ing cries; A-like at work and prayer,
si-lent spi-rit sighs; When ev-il thoughts mo-lest,
on Christ I cast my cares; May
with this I shield my breast; May
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!
Je-sus Christ be praised! May Je-sus Christ be praised!
To God, the Word, on high, the
In Heav'n's e-ter-nal bliss, the
host of an-gels cry. May Je-sus Christ be
love-liest strain is this! praised!
My May Je-sus Christ be praised! My
God, the Sav-ior reigns! May Je-sus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 12:15a, 25a

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God... See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 12:22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 78:1-4, 18-25

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done...

¹⁸ They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?
²⁰ He struck the rock so that water gushed out
and streams overflowed.
Can he also give bread
or provide meat for his people?"
²¹ Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath;
a fire was kindled against Jacob;
his anger rose against Israel,
²² because they did not believe in God
and did not trust his saving power.
²³ Yet he commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴ and he rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that, as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us. Amen.

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor-my gale, my
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found: dressed in his right eous-ness a-lone, fault-



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the so-lid
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be-fore the throne.



Rock, I stand: all o-ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o-ther ground is sin-king sand.

I Hunger And I Thirst

Text: John S. B. Monsell, Matthew H. Curl • Music: Matthew H. Curl

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Tenor

I hun - ger and I thirst;
Thou bruised and bro - ken Bread,
Thou true life - giv - ing Vine,
Rough paths my feet have trod,
Je - sus my man - na be; ye liv - ing wa - ters,
my life - long needs sup - ply; as liv - ing souls are
let me Thy sweet - ness prove; re - new my life with
since first their course be - gan; feed me, thou Bread of
burst, out of the rock for me. I
fed, O feed me or I die. I
Thine, re - fresh my soul with love. I
God, help me thou Son of Man. I
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!
Je - sus Christ the bread of
life, I hun - ger for you Lord!

For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;
O living waters rise within me evermore.
I hunger and I thirst, Jesus my manna be!

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!
Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!

GOSPEL READING • John 6:22-40

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

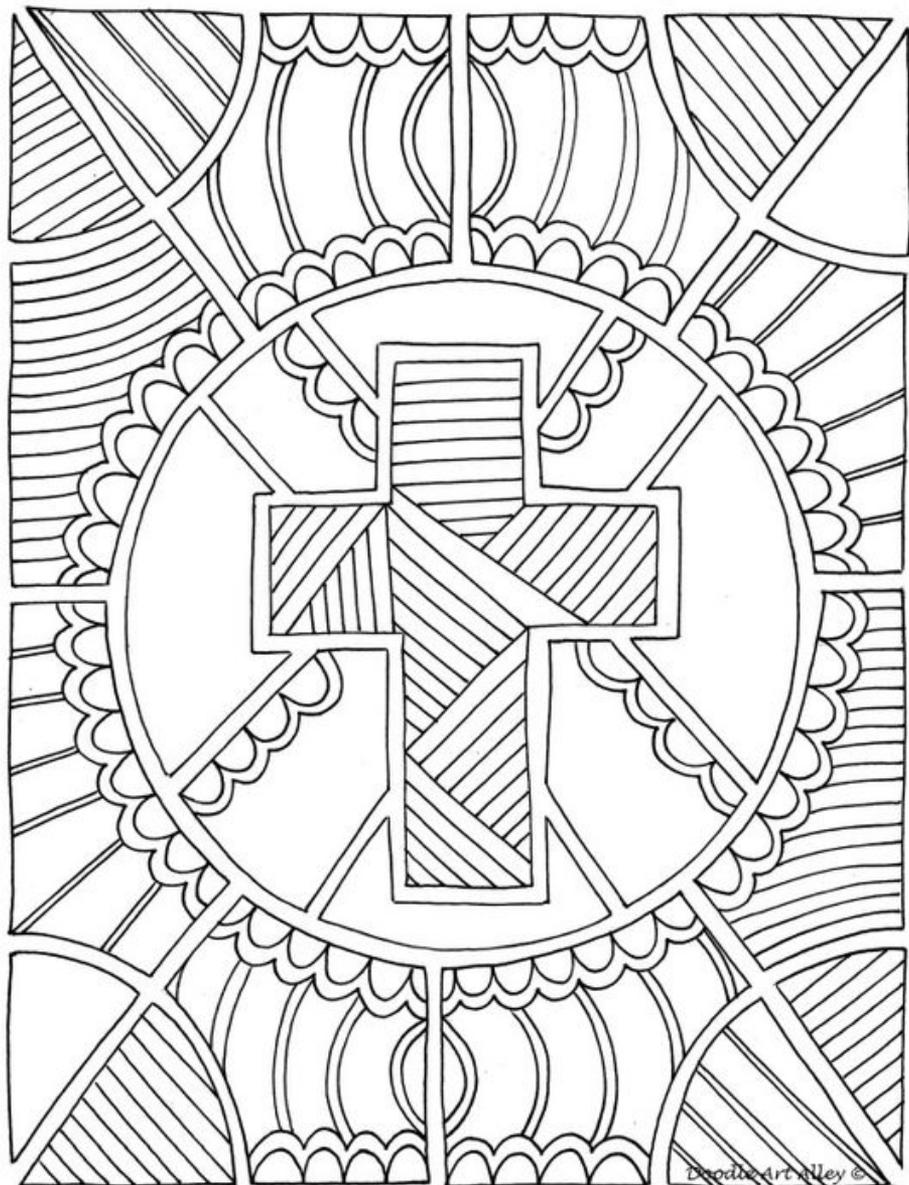
²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Bread of Life" (Rev. Eric Costa)



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THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, "*The peace of Christ be with you.*")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

In Mercy Broken

Lyric: Reginald Heber • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -
5 Look on the heart by sor - row bro -
8 ken ken Wine of the
9 Look on the
8 soul, in mer - cy shed
13 tears by sin - ners shed
8 By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
18 And be thy feast to us the to - ken
8 And in whose death our sins are
22 That by thy grace our souls are
8 dead. Al - le - lu -
26 fed. Al - le - lu - - -
8 ia! Al - le - lu - - -
31 ia!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a variety of note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests. There are repeat signs at the end of the 22nd and 31st staves. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed tears by sinners shed, By whom the words of life were spoken, And be thy feast to us the token, And in whose death our sins are That by thy grace our souls are dead. Al-le-lu-fed. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413 • Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 11th c.



Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the
O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the
This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of
O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel
3 Christ to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O



worlds be - gan to be. he is Al - pha and O - me -
Vir - gin, full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv -
old with one ac - cord, Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph -
hosts, his prais - es sing; All do - min - ions, bow be - fore
6 Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiv -



ga, he the Source, the End - ing he. Of the
ing bore the Sav - ior of our race; and the
ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he
him and ex - tol our God and King; Let no
9 ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be, Ho - nor,



things that are that have - been, and that
babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re -
shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre -
tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev' - ry
12 glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e -



fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ever - more!
vealed his sa - red face, ev - er - more and ever - more!
a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ever - more!
voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ever - more!
ter - nal vic - tor - y, ev - er - more and ever - more!

BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound
in love for one another and for all.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

Sunday School • After Worship, and some time for fellowship and coffee, join us for Sunday School. Kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for sermon discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Monthly Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Apr. 1 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street). Each time we meet we discuss a phrase of the Apostles' Creed. This time: "From There He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead." (Keep an eye on applyingthegospel.com this week for the blog post we'll discuss together.) Bring a friend! RSVP and let Eric know if you can help by bringing part of the meal (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • Apr. 2... On the first Sunday of each month we collect a special offering—*Alms*—during the Lord's Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—the *Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to talk with our kids about generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians. To sign up to bring food supplies, contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Regular Gatherings • For information about our meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

Nursery Volunteers

Today: Sery Next Sunday: Jaques

Refreshments Volunteers

(Contact: Nicole Hamilton, neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Jaques Next Sunday: _____



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