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**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
AUGUST 16, 2020**

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

Worship Christ, the Risen King

†**Scripture Reading**

James 2:1-13

Pastoral Prayer

◇ **Covenant Baptism**

James Michael Doe
Covenant son of Josh and Karin Doe
Reverend Stephen Doe Assisting

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 135
tune of *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*
The Apostles' Creed

Confession of Faith

†**Scripture Teaching**

Matthew 18:1-5(ESV)

Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

Being Great in God's Kingdom

The Lord's Supper

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†**Hymn of Response**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able
◇ 10:45 a.m. service



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MEDITATION

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

— Hebrews 4:14-16

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.*

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER CONT'D

Confession of Sin/Personal Confession/Assurance of Pardon:

Prayer of Confession of Sin

O LORD our God, we lament that our sins have grieved Your heart and arrested sweet communion with You.

We cover over sins and transgressions that others do not see. But in Your sight, O merciful God, nothing is hidden.

We declare that our love for those outside of the family of God grows cold.

We admit that often our motive for serving You seeks the praise of others.

We acknowledge that we have harbored bitterness and anger toward others.

Forgive us for the hardness of our hearts. Pardon us for delighting more in the fleeting pleasures of this fallen world.

We confess our sins and plead the merits of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection.

For Your great Name's sake, deliver us from evil.

We pray in the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus, the Righteous One.

Amen.

Personal Confession (silent)

Assurance of Pardon

John 15:15-16a (ESV)

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide ...

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever. Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.

SERMON NOTES

Title: "Being Great in God's Kingdom"

Text: Matthew 18:1-5

Theme: To be great and important in the Lord's Kingdom means consciously seeking to be least and unimportant in the Lord's Kingdom. It means really knowing and acting without regard to be thought of as eminent.

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- I. The Disciples' _____ (1)

 - II. Jesus Uses a _____ to Make His Point (2)

 - III. Teaching on _____ in the Kingdom (3-5)

 - IV. Applications
 - A. Our nature in Christ leads us to express _____ because in coming to Christ we recognize our utter _____ to save ourselves.

 - B. Humility gets short-_____ in _____ because we still have sin in our members and the _____ of putting ourselves first.

 - C. The Church learns and practices humility as the spiritually more _____ saints welcome and embrace the _____ to _____ them into the life of the congregation.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

1. What question did the disciples pose to Jesus (v. 1)?
2. What was Jesus' first action as He began to answer their question (v. 2)?
3. What word does Jesus use that indicates the solemnness and gravity of what He says to them (v. 3a)?
4. What did Jesus say the disciples must do (v. 3a)?
5. What would be the consequence if they did not do this (v. 3b)?
6. Who is considered great in God's Kingdom (v. 4)?
7. What does it mean to receive and welcome one who is like a child in Christ (v. 5)?
8. Why do you suppose the disciples were concerned about which of them was the greatest?
9. What is the point of comparison about becoming like a child?
10. How important is it to you to be seen as great in the eyes of others?
11. What do you consider a mark of greatness in a person?
12. What are some typical ways that people think they can achieve greatness for themselves?
13. Is Jesus teaching works-righteousness in verse 3? Why or why not?
14. How can churches improve in "becoming like children?"
15. In what specific ways can you begin to humble yourself like a child?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship:

The Session has decided that it is no longer necessary to have a sign-up for Sunday worship services, so we are taking down the Sign Up Genius from this point forward.

We continue to offer two worship services at 9:00 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m., as well as a live stream of the 10:45 a.m. service. The Session still highly recommends those attending the early 9:00 a.m. worship service to consider wearing masks in deference to our brothers and sisters with particular concerns about safety.

As a reminder, please practice social distancing when you attend either worship service. Our ushers will be available to help anyone having difficulty finding seating with appropriate distancing.

Visitation:

Realizing that some may be hesitant to participate in corporate worship at this time due to health concerns, the session would like to remind everyone that anyone may request a visitation. If anyone would like a pastor and elders to visit you, please contact one of the pastors or elders. In addition to general visits, we can deliver a brief message from the Bible and administer the Lord's Supper for you and your family. We will follow any health and protective measures or procedures that you may require of us during our visit.

Building Improvements:

The session has approved a wooden portico with a metal roof to cover the concrete walk up to the front door. This will provide a safe and more comfortable way for people with mobility issues or other special needs to enter and exit the building. It will also add a nice architectural element to the building. We are still collecting funds designated for this project above and beyond your normal giving to pay for this project since it was not put in our church budget. You may designate checks as "church entry" if you would like to contribute. Please contact an elder or Lloyd Moore if you have specific questions.

Logo Contest:

We are still looking for submissions for a proposed logo for the church. We are inviting anyone from our church family to submit designs for a new church logo. This might be a great rainy day activity or a way to pass the time during this time of social distancing. Whether you consider yourself to be a skilled artist or if you just like to dabble in graphic design we'd love to see what you can come up with.

Please read full details about the logo contest on the church website.