



**LORD'S DAY WORSHIP**  
**AUGUST 23, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Meditation**

**Call to Worship/Invocation**

†**Hymn of Praise**

*O Savior, Precious Savior*

†**Scripture Reading**

Ezekiel 34:7-16

**Pastoral Prayer**

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 17  
 tune of *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Confession of Faith**

*The Nicene Creed*

†**Scripture Teaching**

Matthew 18:6-14 (ESV)

**Expounding the Word of God**

Pastor Michael Mang

*Caring for Each Other in the Family of Christ*

**The Lord's Supper**

†**Hymn of Response**

*Bring Them In*

†**Benediction**

**Postlude**

†Standing, if able



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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

## MEDITATION

Life is short. Death is sure. Judgment is coming. Eternity is forever. God is reigning. Heaven is rejoicing. Hell is boiling. Jesus is Lord. He alone saves.

— Pastor Steven Lawson

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,*

*Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,*

*begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,*

*begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;*

*by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,*

*and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,*

*and was made man;*

*and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;*

*he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,*

*and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;*

*and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;*

*whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son;*

*who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;*

*we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;*

*and we look for the resurrection of the dead,*

*and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

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## 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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	8/16/2020	YTD
General Income	\$5,638.01	\$326,796.19
Budget Requirement	\$9,500.00	\$313,500.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,861.99)	\$13,296.19
Attendance	137	

## THE LORD'S SUPPER CONT'D

### Confession of Sin/Personal Confession/Assurance of Pardon:

*Our Father, we confess that we fail to forgive as we should. Pardon us for harboring anger and bitterness in our hearts instead of being kind and tender-hearted to forgive as God in Christ has forgiven us.*

*We grieve that we have been negligent and careless in carrying out Your commandments and duties. All of Your laws and precepts reflect Your glory and are for our good.*

*We mourn that we would rather receive than give.*

*We abhor the times we waver and do not hold fast our confession that Jesus is Lord.*

*Because of Your great love and mercy, hear and forgive us.*

*May we always model the Gospel and show forth that our Lord Jesus has overcome all that has held us in bondage.*

*Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

Personal Confession (silent)

### Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 2:23; 1:10 (ESV)

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’

“And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

## SERMON NOTES

Title: “Caring for Each Other in the Family of Christ”

Text: Matthew 18:6-14

Theme: You are valuable to the Lord Jesus, and because you are valuable to Him, you are valuable to everyone else in the family of God. Christ calls us to have such care for each other that we will abhor becoming a cause for a member of the family to fall into sin.

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I. Christ's Disciples Must Not Become a \_\_\_\_\_ for Another to \_\_\_\_\_ (6-9)

II. God's People Are to Welcome and Embrace Individual Brethren and Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ for Even \_\_\_\_\_ Little One in Christ (10-14)

### III. Applications

A. Proper care in the family of Christ begins when you are \_\_\_\_\_ to keeping \_\_\_\_\_ from sin in your own life and not becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ for others in Christ to fall away.

B. One little one \_\_\_\_\_ to God just as much as the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Pastoral care is not just for the “\_\_\_\_\_.” It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of every follower of Jesus.

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT  
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS**

1. About what does Jesus warn His disciples (v. 6a)?
2. What is Jesus' evaluation of one who causes a fellow believer to stumble and fall into sin (v. 6b)?
3. Where do external temptations to sin arise (v. 7a)?
4. How likely will temptations to sin from other people occur (v. 7b)?
5. What is the outcome for those who are vehicles for causing others to sin (v. 7c)?
6. How can we help prevent being a cause of sin to others (vv. 8-9)?
7. How are Christians not to treat fellow Christians (v. 10a)? Why (v. 10b)?
8. What does God do when a little one wanders away from Him (v. 12)?
9. What is God's attitude if a little one who wanders away returns (v. 13)?
10. What is God's will regarding His little ones (v. 14)?
11. Does Christ expect His disciples to literally cut off limbs from their bodies in order to keep from sinning? Why or why not? What do you think His point is?
12. What are some ways that Christians cause other followers of Christ ("little ones") to sin?
13. Does every Christian have a guardian angel?
14. Do the needs of the one always outweigh the needs of the many?
15. What means does the LORD God use to reclaim an erring brother or sister? What part are we to play in this process?

**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.