

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 8-16-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 95: 1-5
- **Song of praise – Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**¹
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.
- **God greets his people**
- **Prayer of Confession**
- **Assurance of Pardon**²
Our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith
and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him.

Alleluia! Amen.

- **Pastoral Prayer**
- **Sermon**
Sermon Text: Esther 8
Sermon Title: “Another Edict”
Sermon Series: *Who’s In Charge?*
- **Song of Response – There is a Redeemer**³
Verse 1
There is a Redeemer, Jesus God’s own So
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus
Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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² LUYH #826 – Affirmation: What God Says Through the Supper. Text: from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 75, 80

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Verse 2

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

- **Communion⁴**

The Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister:

With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you have created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us--
even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Institution

Minister: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

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

⁴ Adapted from "The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 1" (LUYH #810)

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit
so that this bread and cup may be for us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May we and all your saints
be united with Christ
and remain faithful in hope and love.
Gather your whole church, O Lord,
into the glory of your kingdom.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing***⁵

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ
and his name that we bear.

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