

MARCH 11, 2018

THE LORD'S DAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM Morning Worship

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Supplement Hymn #7 “All Creatures of Our God and King”
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.*

*O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!*

Responsive Scripture Reading Psalm 119:97-128

*Hymn #446 “That Man Is Blessed Who Fearing God”
IRISH

Choral Anthem

*Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain;
A perfect sacrifice for all, He died, but lives again.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

*He lives — let heav'n rejoice, and earth her honors bring.
To Him, the everlasting God, the great, eternal King.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

*Oh, strike your harps of gold, ye ransomed host above.
Praise Him who bought you with His blood, and saved you by His love.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #132 “Wondrous King All-Glorious”
WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

Sermon “The Believer and His Bible”

We believe that those Holy Scriptures fully contain the will of God, and that whatsoever man ought to believe unto salvation is sufficiently taught therein. For since the whole manner of worship which God requires of us is written in them at large, it is unlawful for any one, though an apostle, to teach otherwise than we are now taught in the Holy Scriptures: nay, though it were an angel from heaven, as the apostle Paul says. For since it is forbidden to add unto or take away anything from the Word of God, it does thereby evidently appear that the doctrine thereof is most perfect and complete in all respects.

Neither may we consider any writings of men, however holy these men may have been, of equal value with those divine Scriptures, nor ought we to consider custom, or the great multitude, or antiquity, or succession of times and persons, or councils, decrees or statutes, as of equal value with the truth of God, since the truth is above all: for all men are of themselves liars, and more vain than vanity itself. Therefore, we reject with all our hearts whatsoever does not agree with this infallible rule, as the apostles have taught us, saying, Prove the spirits, whether they are of God. Likewise: if anyone cometh unto you bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house.

Belgic Confession, Article VII

“The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures to be the Only Rule of Faith”

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

*Hymn #247 “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”
LUX PRIMA

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #246 “Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness”
COBLENIZ

Scripture Reading I Timothy 3:1-16

Announcements

Offertory

*The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

*Supplement Hymn #15 “Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”
MELITA

Sermon “Christ Vindicated by the Holy Spirit”

According to this truth and this Word of God, we believe in one only God, who is the one single essence, in which are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties; namely, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin, and beginning of all things visible and invisible; the Son is the word, wisdom, and image of the Father; the Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. Nevertheless, God is not by this distinction divided into three, since the Holy Scriptures teach us that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit have each His personality, distinguished by Their properties; but in such wise that these three persons are but one only God.

Hence, then, it is evident that the Father is not the Son, nor the Son the Father, and likewise the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Nevertheless, these persons thus distinguished are not divided, nor intermixed; for the Father has not assumed the flesh, nor has the Holy Spirit, but the Son only. The Father has never been without His Son, or without His Holy Spirit. For They are all three co-eternal and co-essential. There is neither first nor last; for They are all three one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy.

Belgic Confession, Article VIII
“God Is One in Essence, Yet Distinguished in Three Persons”

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing