

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

August 3, 2014

9:30 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Prelude in D Major"
"Immortal, Invisible"

Fischer
Sadowski

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 36

Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

* Hymn: PH 460

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, who resists the proud and gives grace to the humble, set us free from all spiritual pride and self-sufficiency, and grant us an ever deepening sense of our own unworthiness and of your unfailing mercy and love towards us, through him who is our only righteousness, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Response: PH 635

"Gloria Patri"

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful actions and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. You know that we are prone to evil and slow to do good. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are sorry and ashamed for what we have done to displease you. Teach us to despise our wrongdoings and cleanse us from our secret faults. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for our sins and our disobedience to your Word. Give us grace to live in your light and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Romans 10

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn:

“Speak, O Lord”

(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.)

Reading from the New Testament:

I Corinthians 13

Sermon: *Recovering the Love of God: The Character of Love, Part III*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 462, stanzas 1-4

“Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”

NEW BRITAIN

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Pie Jesu” (“Blessed Jesus”)

Webber

* Doxology: PH 638

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDETH

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.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE LORD’S SUPPER

* *CONFESSIO OF FAITH*: The Apostles’ Creed (Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE DEDICATORY PRAYER

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and manifold mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature it is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Please hold each element until all have been served.
The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings, grape juice.)

THE THANKSGIVING

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our Father, and the abiding fellowship and peace of the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 462, stanza 5 “Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound” NEW BRITAIN

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

* Postlude: “Trumpet Tune in F”

Jordan
