

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

HYMN 764:

“God Grace and God of Glory”

PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

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Worship Supplement

HYMN 755:

“What Is This Bread” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 765:

“Christ High-Ascended”

Welcome: All who are worshiping with us this evening. Please stay for snacks and some visiting.



1 Corinthians 13:1-8 — The Greatest Gift

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.



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Pre-service Devotion:

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A SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN 465:

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

PASTOR: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray,

CONGREGATION: We come into Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that by the preaching of Your word, we may be brought to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow, day by day, in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR: Our Lord has ascended with a shout. The Father has raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. To Him belong all rule and might over every living thing. He is Head of the church. It is in His name, then, that we bow before the holy throne of our Father in heaven, confessing our sins, and pleading for His mercy,

CONGREGATION: Heavenly Father, according to Your mighty power, You have raised up Your Son and seated Him above all things, that at His name every knee should bow. We confess that our lives have not bowed to our Lord in every way. We are guilty of conducting ourselves according to the ways of this world. We have fulfilled the desires of our flesh and of our sinful mind, and without Your grace we would remain children of wrath without hope. We pray, forgive us our sins, seal in us the guarantee of Your Spirit, and rule in us to live according to Your Word.

PASTOR: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and has raised us up together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Therefore as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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COLLECT

M: Let us pray ... Almighty God, as Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens that He might fill all things, mercifully grant that He would fill us too, that our hearts and minds would be ruled by our Lord alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sermon:

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 19:7-18

Theme: The Church of the Cross

1. Nothing is more unimpressive.

2. Nothing is more powerful.

And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." 11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." 15 Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. 16 "Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. 17 "It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 "Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

FIRST READING

John 6:60-69: Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Men's Choir:

"Built on the Rock, the Church Doth Stand"

SECOND READING

I Peter 2:1-10: Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a

royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Concerning the person of our ascended Lord, In summary taken from the Formula of Concord, 1580 (FoC, Ep., Art. VIII, Person of Christ, Tappert ed.)

We believe, teach, and confess:

That the divine and human natures are personally united in Christ.

He is not two, but one Christ, the Son of God and the Son of man.

The divine nature is not changed into something human, nor is the human nature changed into something divine, but each retains its essential properties. The divine attributes are to be all powerful, to be eternal, and to be all present. The human attributes are to be flesh and blood, to be finite, and to suffer and die.

Yet in Christ, these natures are personally united so that God is man and man is God. What was born of Mary is truly the Son of God. What is begotten of the Father is also the Son of man.

Therefore in Jesus the Son of God has truly suffered and died for us. As it is written in Acts 20:28, we are purchased with God's own blood.

Likewise in Jesus, the Son of man has really ascended and is truly exalted to the right hand of God.

Thus in this union, the exalted Lord Jesus knows all things, can do all things, is present in all places, and has all authority in heaven and on earth. He is able then to give to us his true body and blood which are present in the Lord's Supper.

Next to the Holy Trinity, this is the highest mystery, and also the sole foundation of our comfort, life, and salvation. This is most certainly true.

HYMN 477:

"Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"