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REFORMATION DAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

FUTURE BLESSING

from Valley of Vision

O LORD GOD,

There is no blessing we implore
but thou art able to give,
hast promised to give,
hast given already to countless multitudes,
all unworthy and guilty like ourselves;
Make us willing to receive the supply
of our need from thy bounty.
To this end convince us of sin,
soften our hard hearts,
to bewail our folly, ingratitude, pride,
unbelief, rebellion, corruption.

Through the law may we die to the law, then look with wonder, submission, delight, to the provision thou hast made for the glory of thy Name in the salvation of sinners.

Give us a hope that makes us not ashamed, a love that excites to holy obedience, a joy in thee that is our strength, a faith in thy Son who loved us and died for us.

May we persevere in duty
when not fully conscious of thee,
wait upon thee and keep thy way,
be humble and earnest suppliants
at thy feet,
live continually as on the brink of eternity.

Let us be at thy disposal for the duties and events of life, submit our preferences to thy wisdom and will, resign our enjoyments if thou shouldest require it as our absolute Proprietor and best Friend.

In our unworthiness and provocations make us grateful for the means of grace and the ordinances of religion and teach us to profit by them more than we have done.

Help us to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, to enter upon the sabbath mindful of its solemnities, duties, privileges, setting all things worldly aside while we worship thee.

May we know the blessedness of men whose strength is in thee, and in whose hearts are the highways to heaven.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." (Psalm 9:1)

The Gloria Patri –with uplifted hands–

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.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

From Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Hymn – "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (678)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you.

Therefore, we ask that you reveal to us our sins so that we may humbly seek your forgiveness and grace.

We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart.

We have committed sins of omission and commission.

But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ.

And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Franklin Agnus Dei Bb/D Bb/D DmAm/D Am/D C/D Am/D way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on Lamb of God who takes a -Вb ВЬ Dm Αm Αm of God who takes Lamb a way the sins of the world, have us. D5 Dm Αm Lamb of God mer-cy on us. who takes a way the sins of the ВЬ ВЬ D5 DmΑm 8 8 world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com

Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

Silent Prayers of Confession – kneeling, if able–

Assurance of Pardon - Romans 5:8-9

"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."

Sursum Corda

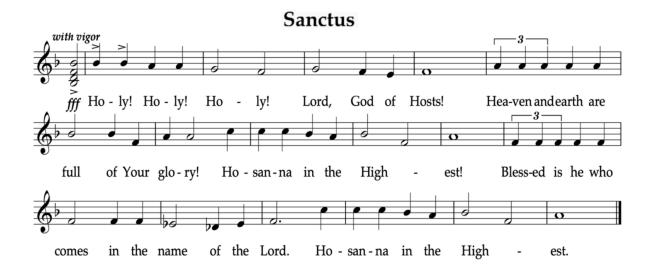
So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:



Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Heidelberg Catechism of the Month

27 Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is
his almighty and ever present power,
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so governs them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and barren years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
riches and poverty,
indeed, all things,

come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

^{*}catholic refers to the universal collection of God's people throughout all time and from all places.

Hymn – "What Wondrous Love is This" (729)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Genesis 42:1-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

New Testament: Revelation 14:6-7

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm - "All Peoples, Clap Your Hands" (143)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

When you hear, "Lord, in your mercy," please respond with: "Hear our prayer."

Sermon – "The Testing of the Brothers (part 1)"

Genesis 42:1-38 Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord's Prayer (see next page)

The Lord's Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Generous and loving God, We bring you our tithes and offerings With glad and grateful hearts. Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

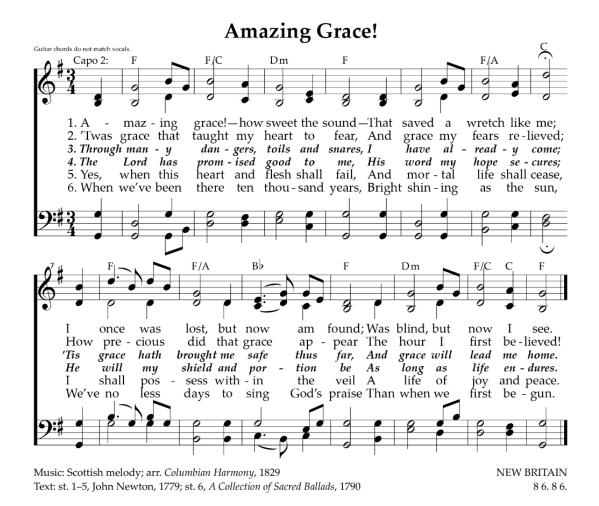
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD - "Amazing Grace"

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.



THE WINE

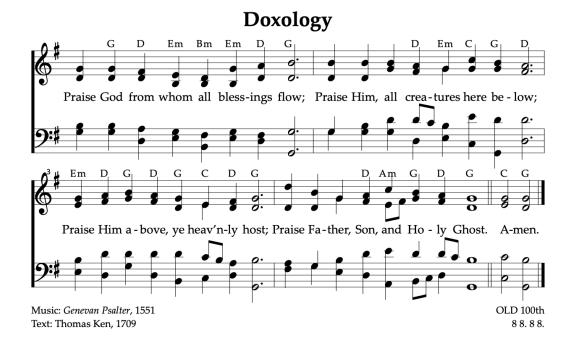
We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

Commissioning Psalm - "Now Unto Jehovah" (89)

Charge and Benediction (from Jude)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Closing Doxology -with uplifted hands-



Pastor: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- Monthly Catechism Recitation: Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27 (see liturgy, pg. 4)
- **Hymn of the Week: "Amazing Grace"** (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Memory Verse of the Week:** (Psalm 32:1) "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."
- Prayer: "Future Blessings" (Valley of Vision) (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Recommended Resources

- **Table Talk:** A rich daily Bible study resource. Grab a family copy in the lobby.
- **Sing Your Part App:** A free app that posts the psalms/hymns we'll be singing each week (search "Pilgrim Hill") and provides both the audio and sheet music.

Prayer Requests

Current

- Healing for the many who have been sick these weeks.
- For Jonathan Herron as he looks to take his inspector's certification exam.
- Peace for our country amidst the looming election.
- Wisdom and peace for Sharon Haney as her and her siblings make decisions concerning the care
 of their mother.
- Prayer for the Haymes as they look towards Caleb's kidney transplant. Peace, logistical grace, and for skillful medical care.
- For the pregnant mothers nearing their due date.
- For the Kellers, friends from Colorado who will soon be relocating to the area. Transitional mercies.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For a permanent building.
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - o Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

3rd-Reformation Day Celebration Lunch!

- If you plan to attend, we are asking you to bring two dishes: a stew or a meat (beef, pork, or poultry) and a pie for dessert.
- The church will be providing all the side dishes and beverages.
- We will have a folk dance caller!
- Feel free to come decked in medieval garb if so desired!

9th- Men's Prayer Breakfast

- 8:30-10am @ the Brookshire
- Fellowship, breakfast, and and prayer
- The Stonewall Lectures #1: Providence and Prayer

21st-Women's Fellowship

- Friendsgiving
- 5:30pm (location TBD)

23rd-Festal Shout

- 9-11am at the Brookshire!
- Potluck breakfast and then we'll flex our musical muscles

DECEMBER

12th-Women's Fellowship

- Favorite Things Swap
- 5:30pm (location TBD)

15th- Member's Meeting

• Immediately after Lord's Day service

24th- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

4pm at the church

OTHER

Monthly Fellowship Meals

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net

Men's Book Study

- The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis
- Fridays at 6:15am @ the Brookshire

Upcoming Women's Park Meetups:

Check WhatsApp for details and changes!

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger <u>brooks@pilgrimhill.church</u>
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) <u>stmarkreformed.com/contact</u>

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

To be added to the email list:

To connect to Pilgrim Hill on the Sing Your Part app:



For the church website & calendar:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



Sermon Notes