



September 27 - 8:30 am and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*By the cross we know the gravity of sin and the greatness
of God's love toward us. -John Chrysostom*

Prelude *Marching to Zion* arr. Gordon Young

Community Life

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship Psalm 145:13-18

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Entrance (8:30)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise
should sing?

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and
space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Hymn of Praise

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty
waters

Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won.

Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue

We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.

Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners,
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb,
mighty Savior,

Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with
splendor,

On that day who will not tremble, when You stand, Christ the
Victor,

Who was, and is, and is forever.

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Sacrament of Baptism (9:45)

Senja Lys Grimstad, daughter of Gabriel and Jessica Grimstad
baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jason Cochran

LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:4, 16-18

“Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me....They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. ...Remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Moment of Silent Confession

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 33, 34 and 35

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is the act of God’s free grace by which He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight. He does so only because He counts the righteousness of Christ as ours. Justification is received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is the act of God's free grace by which we become His sons with all the rights and privileges of being His.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which our whole person is made new in the image of God, and we are made more and more able to become dead to sin and alive to righteousness.

Choral Meditation

And Can It Be?

*Hymn of Worship

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious
blood.

Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his
praise?

He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious
tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all your love accepting, love you, ever all my days;
Let me seek your kingdom only and my life be to your praise;
You alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
You have cleansed and sanctified me, you, yourself, have set me
free.

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LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Engage the World Update

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 12:1-13:1

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Promise of Salvation From the Pierced* Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Nancy Leigh
Wilburn by her mother Nancy Wilburn and brother David.*

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Assisting in Worship

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor

Special Event on Sunday Evening, October 11!

The Lost Gospels: Our Culture’s Quest to Rewrite the Story of Jesus

As we prepare to enter the New Testament on our Journey Through Scripture, we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Michael Kruger who will not only preach on Sunday morning, but return on Sunday evening where he will dive into the reliability of our four Gospels and what sets them apart from all other Gospels in the ancient world. Why do we have only four Gospels in our Bibles? And what do we do with lost Gospels like the Gospel of Thomas. Dr. Kruger is one of the leading scholars today in the origins of the New Testament, particularly the development of the New Testament canon. This is a *dessert event* from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (Presentation 6:00-6:45 pm, dessert break 6:45-7:00 pm, and a Q&A from 7:00-8:00 pm.) We will have MR Kids programs for ages crib to 4th grade. Registration only requested for MR Kids portion. Please plan to join us and bring friends or neighbors who may have questions about the authenticity of the Bible!