

The Lord's Day

February 12, 2012

"He Heals Our Diseases"

"Your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Jesus

GOD OPENS HIS GATES AND CALLS HIS PEOPLE IN

Prelude: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Ijames

Announcements: Elder Dave Haverdink

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 46:1,7,10,11* Rev. Aaron D. Hofius

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

†Hymn of Praise: #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

†Prayer of Adoration & Praise

GOD FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE THEIR SINS

Confession of Sin:

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We come humbly to You, seeking Your forgiveness. We come longing to know the joy of Your salvation and the light of Your face. You alone know our hearts. You alone know how often we have offended You, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought; for

every false word; for every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for You, but for ourselves. Forgive us, for failing to give You thanks; for our neglect of prayer; for our ignorance of Your word; for our hardness of heart. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us— by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. . . . *Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin. Amen!*

Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 2:20*

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

†Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 43 What further advantage do we receive from Christ’s sacrifice and death on the cross?

A. **Through Christ’s death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

Q. 44 Why does the creed add, “He descended into hell”?

A. **To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation, that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.**

*The Heidelberg Catechism was developed in Germany in the mid 1500s. Over the past several centuries it has been used by many Christian churches to explain and affirm our belief in some of the key doctrines revealed in the Bible.

†Hymn of Assurance: #1 (*Hymn Supplement*)

“His Robes for Mine”

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Old Testament Reading: *1 Kings 7:13-22*

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:1-11*

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 5:21-43*

Rev. Aaron D. Hofius

SERMON: “FAITH AT THE BREAKING POINT”

I. FAITH HAS NO FAITH IN ITSELF

A. Brokenness Overwhelms the “Un-Needy”

B. Brokenness Drains the “Needy”

C. Faith does not Earn its Desire

II. CHRIST EXCEEDS THE HOPES OF THE FAITHFUL

A. Faith Finds an Unmanageable Lord

B. Faith Meets an Unselfish Redeemer

C. Faith Goes Forth with an Unlimited Savior

D. Faith Enjoys an Unending Salvation

†Hymn of Response: #164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

We Offer Ourselves through Tithes & Offerings

Offertory: “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

arr. Hudson

†Prayer of Dedication & Prayer for the Church

†Hymn of Dedication: #733

alternate “Doxology”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!*

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO HIS TABLE

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

We Sing at God’s Table: #535

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

The Bread of Life & the Wine of Gladness

Pastoral Prayer: Our Father in heaven, whose only Son followed the way of faith and duty even to the crown of thorns and the cross; give us Your grace that we may learn the harder lessons of our faith. Help us, by Your Spirit, to take up our cross and follow our Savior. Enable us to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, and to come at last to dwell with Him in His eternal Kingdom – through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen!

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH GREAT BLESSING

†Hymn of Departure: #26 (HS)

“Benediction: May the Peace of God”

Minister: The LORD be with you!

People: And also with you!

†Benediction: *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

†Three-Fold Amen: #740

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

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"Christ never undertakes to heal any but he makes a certain cure, 'Those whom thou givest me I have kept, and none of them is lost' (John 17:12). Other physicians can only cure them that are sick, but Christ cures them that are dead, 'And you that he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins' (Eph. 2:1)."

Thomas Brooks