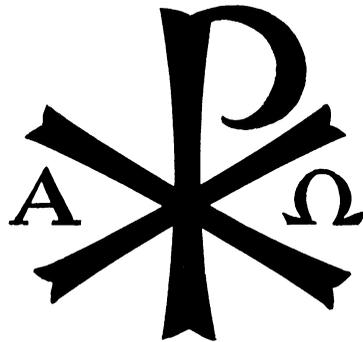


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 98

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours, which have your Son, yet still lack confidence? Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace? Would health convince the ailing of your care? Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness? Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers? O God, our sin is ever before you. You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you. He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care; our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name; our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom; our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment. What more could be given to a people? What more could be done? Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins and give us confidence in the gift of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.31-34

Confession of Faith

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 47

¹ "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Pet 3.18).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Parousia and the Last Battle”

Revelation 19.1-21

Rev. Ron Gonzales

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here but commend to you instead the following prayers for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 296

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

*Please stand if able.

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group is temporarily on hold. We hope to resume it just as soon as possible.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second Tuesday of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and for the world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "The Parousia and the Last Battle" (Revelation 19.1-21)

Prayer Concerns

The LORD Our Warrior: With the Egyptians on their heels and the Red Sea before them, Moses said to the Israelites, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent” (Ex 14.13-14). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might quietly rest in the Lord this week, knowing that he will wage every battle that must be fought on their behalf.

Pandemic: As the number of coronavirus cases surge across the nation, pray that the healthcare workers caring for those infected are kept safe and strong. Pray that those who are suffering from the virus make full recoveries. And pray that the vaccines, which show such promising results, are soon available.

The Persecuted Church: There are 349,000 Christians out of nearly 33 million people in *Uzbekistan*. Under authoritarian rule, the government outlaws all unsanctioned religious expression. This means that any non-Orthodox Christian group is illegal, and even Orthodox groups can preach only in Russian since doing so in Uzbek is strictly forbidden. Additionally, since the culture is largely Muslim, Christians who convert from Islam face pressure and potential violence from their families and communities. Pray that they would be delivered from such threats. Pray for their safety and courage. And pray for those who are isolated from other believers because of fear of being found out; pray that they will find fellowship and peace.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they give themselves to planting a new church in Kiev, for Alister’s teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God blesses their labors in reaching out to unbelievers around them.

Announcements

Financial Update: The October financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek “Christ,” is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case “Alpha” and “Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.