

EVENING WORSHIP

JANUARY 2, 2022

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 30 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith **The Heidelberg Catechism #78-79**

Leader: Do the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ?

Leader and People: No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply a divine sign and assurance of these things, so too the holy bread of the Lord's Supper does not become the body of Christ itself, even though it is called the body of Christ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

Leader: Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and Paul use the words, a participation in Christ's body and blood?

Leader and People: Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that just as bread and wine nourish the temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life. But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.

The Song *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend, who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace, You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own, here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne. Chorus

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The Scripture Reading **Exodus 32**

The Psalm No. 389 ***This Is the Day the Lord Has Made (Ps. 118)***

The children are dismissed to Kingdom Kids in the nursery.

The Evening Prayer

The Sermon Rev. Dean Williams

Psalm 118
The Lord is All Things Good

The Hymn No. 302 *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

The Benediction