

We Are Now Dismissed from the Lord's Table



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant,
Depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory
of Thy people Israel.
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

The Benediction

Congregation: (sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Hymn 48 How Blest Are They Who Hear
God's Word

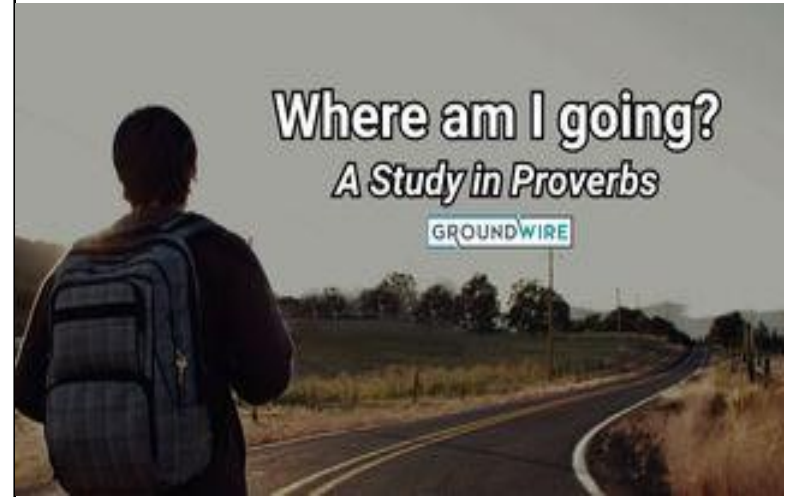
Announcements

Welcome — to our guests and visitors who wor-
shipped with us today. Please sign our guest book
and return to worship with us again.

No Wednesday morning Bible Class this week but
regular Sunday School and Bible Class next Sunday.

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Opening Prayer

Hymn 540 With the Lord Begin Thy Task

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Congregation: (sing) **Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation: (sing) **And You Forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

The Confession of Sins

Pastor & Congregation: **O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray to You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Absolution

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: (sing) **Amen**



Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Congregation: (sing) **Amen.**

We Worship the Lamb of God



○ Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
○ Christ, Thou Lamb of God
That takest away the sin of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
○ Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
That takest away the sin of the world.
Grant us Thy peace. Amen

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the Day

The Offertory

Pastor & Congregation: *(sing)*



Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 315 (vs1-4, 15) I Come O Savior

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *(sing)* **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: *(sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Congregation: *(sing)* **It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; and now do we praise Thee that Thou has sent unto us Thine only begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a man, Thou has manifest the fullness of thy glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Congregation: *(sing)* **Amen**

† Scripture Readings †

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not partner with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (ESV ©2001)

²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man

must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. (ESV ©2001)

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

I BELIEVE

in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits now at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen

Hymn 293 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

† The Sermon †

¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.
¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. and do not walk in the way of the evil.
¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.

Proverbs 4:10-23

¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. (ESV ©2001)

Sermon Theme: THE WAY OF THE WISE SON

(Ministry by Mail written by Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer)

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.