

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 8:1-5, 9*
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly
beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* **God's Greeting**

* ***LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name*** #8:1,4 (PH)
LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
All your wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore your glory shines. How great your name!

Refrain: LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!

Who are we that we should share
In your love and tender care
Raised to an exalted height,
Crowned with honor in your sight! How great your name!

* ***The Love of God*** #18:1,2 (HFG)
The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race –
The saints' and angels' song.

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

* ***His Name Is Wonderful*** #230 (HFG)

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Call to Confession and Preparation: pg. 978 (PH)

Beloved in Jesus Christ,
since we hope next Lord's Day
to celebrate the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
we are called to prepare our hearts
by rightly examining ourselves.

**Let all of us, then, examine our lives
and, considering our own sin
and the wrath of God on it,
be sure that we humble ourselves
in repentance before God.**

Let us examine our hearts to be sure
that we trust in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation,
and that we believe our sins are forgiven wholly by grace,
for the sake of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

**Finally, let us examine our consciences
to be sure that we resolve to live in faith
and obedience before our Lord,
and in love and peace with our neighbors.**

Prayer of Confession

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Al & Julie

Morning Prayer

* ***Speak, O Lord***
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

* **Scripture:** Acts 3:11-26 (NIV) pg. 1142

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Sign and a Sermon*

* **O Jesus, We Adore You** #472:1,2 (PH)

O Jesus, we adore you, upon the cross, our King.
We bow our hearts before you; your gracious name we sing.
That name has brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

The world does yet disdain you, still passing by the cross;
Lord, may our hearts retain you; all else we count but loss.
Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned you and nailed you to the tree;
Our pride, O Lord, disdained you, yet you have set us free.

* **God's Blessing**

* **O Jesus, We Adore You** #472:3 (PH)

O glorious King, we praise you, no longer pass you by;
O Jesus, we confess you the Son enthroned on high.
Lord, grant to us forgiveness; life through your death restore;
Yes, grant to us the fullness of life forevermore.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Jason V, Ron K

Music: Cheryl K, Nancy Z

Offering: Al & Julie are serving in Belgium with Operation
Mobilization (OM). OM is a mission organization working in
over 100 countries to bring God's word to people who haven't
heard it before. For more information, go to www.om.org.

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A Sign and a Sermon

Acts 3:11-26

What does God want us to know?

God wants us to know all the dots in history connect to His story.

God wants us to know our sin and shame.

God wants us to know our Savior.

God wants us to know forgiveness and times of refreshing.

When I consider thy heavens,
the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which thou hast ordained;

*What is man,
that thou art mindful of him?*

and the son of man,
that thou visitest him?

Psalm 8:3,4

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