

The Lord's Day – December 28th, 2025

"How can I trust God? The answer is simple – Jesus.
All the promises of God find their Yes in Him."
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas, December 2025 *Tabletalk*, Pg.61

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder McAuley

PRELUDE – "Joyful, Joyful to the World" Carolyn McCrory – French Horn,
Incorporating "Joy to the World" & "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Emerson Price – Sax,
Arranged by Jay Althouse & Donna Vickrey - Flute

God Calls Us to Worship Him (Dt. 32:3-4)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 46

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* OPENING HYMN - # 226 - "As With Gladness Men of Old" *On Screen*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Confession of our Faith (Rom. 10:10)

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM – LORD'S DAY 52 - Questions # 127- # 129

LEADER: (Q. 127) What is the sixth petition?

PEOPLE: *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.* That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.

LEADER: (Q. 128) How do you conclude your prayer?

PEOPLE: *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.* That is: All this we ask of you because, as our King, having power over all things, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good, and because not we but your holy name should so receive all glory forever.

LEADER: (Q. 129) What does the word *Amen* mean?

PEOPLE: *Amen* means: It is true and certain. For God has much more certainly heard my prayer than I feel in my heart that I desire this of him.

The Confession of our Sin (Psalm 51:4)

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN - "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall become white as snow; though they are read like crimson, they shall be white as snow.'" (Isaiah 1:18)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (*In Unison*)

Gracious Father, we come before you confessing that we are sinners deserving only eternal condemnation. We sin continuously not only in words and actions, but in the very desires of our heart. Too often, we know exactly what we are doing – and we do it anyway – presuming upon your amazing grace. How we need your protection from the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Thank you, Jesus, for your work on the cross that cancels our sin, shame and guilt. Thank you, Holy Spirit for applying Jesus' work to our grieving spirits that we might come before you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit with the confidence of forgiven children. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE - "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."
(Isaiah 55:7)

* HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Another Year is Dawning" *On Screen*

The Collection (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY – "How Great Our Joy"

Lorrie Crose

Traditional German Melody Arranged by Bill Wolaver

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE - #210 - "Silent Night" *4th stanza only* *On Screen*

The Ministry of the Word (Is. 55:11)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Larry McAuley

SERMON TEXT – The Gospel According to Matthew 6:9-13

SERMON - "Amen!"

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* HYMN OF RESPONSE - # 224 - "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" *On Screen*

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

(* - The congregation is invited to stand, if able.)

"Thank God you've come!"

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship service today. Please sign the visitor's book.
We look forward to seeing you again soon!