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Luke 6:17-19

Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation

10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:

We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

Isaiah 40:9-15

Larger Catechism Q. 7

The prophet Isaiah knew that tough times lay ahead for God's people. He spent 39 chapters warning them about it. But, in chapter 40 of his prophecy, he turned from earth to heaven and called God's people to "Behold your God!" (v. 9). And what a reassuring sight that is.

Hopefully, you can take time before the service to read question 7 from the Larger Catechism (in bold) and meditate on how God is described there. And ask yourself this question, "Normally, when I think about God, which of these attributes listed are absent from my thoughts?" The list is awe-inspiring.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 17, 2019 | The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Call to Worship

Say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
Behold, the LORD God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?
Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,
or what man shows him his counsel?
Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?
Who taught him the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?
Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;
behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

God is in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection. He is all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, beyond our full understanding, present everywhere, almighty, knowing everything, completely wise, completely holy, completely just, completely merciful and gracious, patient, and overflowing with goodness and truth.

Let us worship Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!!

BEHOLD OUR GOD

MEGHAN, JONATHAN, RYAN BAIRD; STEPHEN ALTROGGE, 2011



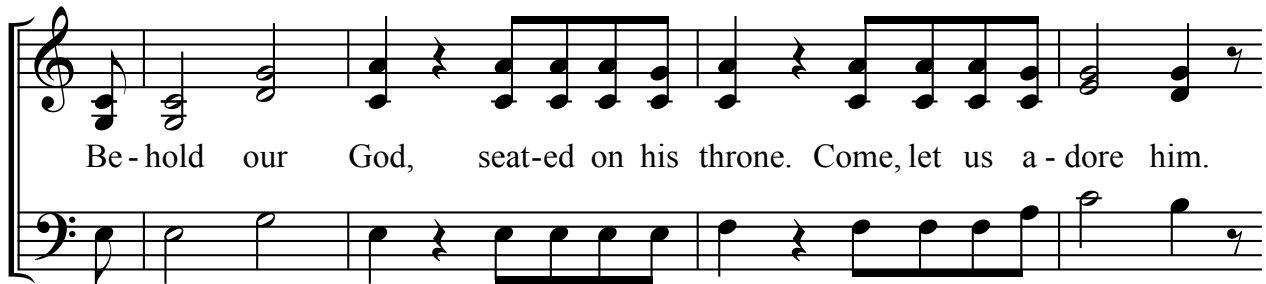
1. Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num-bered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on his hands, bear - ing all the



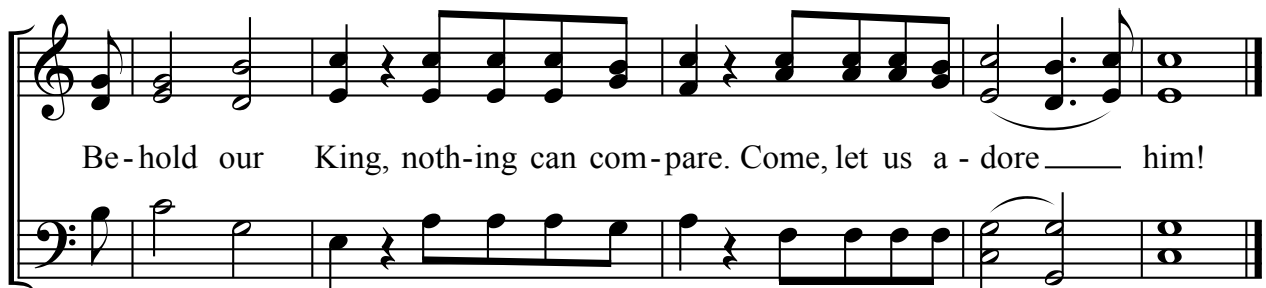
ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice.
an - y of his words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum-bled to the grave.



All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.
Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!



Be - hold our God, seat-ed on his throne. Come, let us a - dore him.



Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com- pare. Come, let us a - dore ____ him!

Opening Prayer

Nicene Creed

The Creed

The Nicene Creed is one of the most famous and influential creeds in the history of the church because it settled the question of how Christians can worship one God and also claim that this God is three persons.

It was also the first creed to obtain universal authority in the church, and it improved the language of the Apostles' Creed by including more specific statements about the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

What we call the Nicene Creed is actually the product of two ecumenical councils—one in Nicaea (present-day Iznik, Turkey) in AD 325, and one in Constantinople (now Istanbul) in AD 381—and a century of debate over the nature of the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Christian, what do you believe?

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 the 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 and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father; and he will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

CARL G. BOBERG, 1885



1. O Lord, my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the worlds your hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, your pow'r throught - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion and there pro - claim: my God, how great thou art!

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee; how great thou art! —



How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee; how great thou art! How great thou art!

Ending



How great thou art! How great thou art! —

Confession of Sin

When we are in the grip of the really dangerous sins, we often think the other person is the one with the problem. When we lie, lust, or steal, these things are of course bad, and we usually know that they are. But when we are bitter, or envious, or angry, or prideful, it is perilously easy to think that the problem lies elsewhere. How so?

When we are bitter, we think of the sin they committed that embittered us. When we are envious, we think of how they provoked us with that swagger. When we are competitive, all we can think about is how they took shortcuts to get out ahead of us. When we are angry, well, they made the first move. When we are prideful, they are the ones who are not motivated the way they ought to be.

Silently Read

O LORD, you have searched me
and known me.
You know when I sit down
and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD,
you know it completely.
Forgive my sins, known and unknown.

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HERE IS LOVE

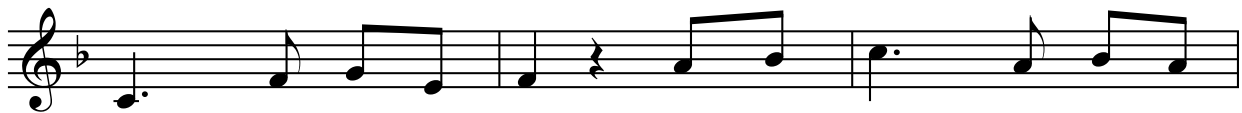
WILLIAM REES, MATT GILES, 1876



1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fi - xion foun - tains o - pened deep and
3. Here is love, that con - quered e - vil, Christ, the first - born from the
4. Here is love, vast as the heav - ens, count - less as the stars a -



flood when the Prince of Life, our Ran - som__ shed for
wide. Through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy__ flowed a
grave. Death has failed to be found e - qual__ to the
bove are the souls that he has ran - somed, pre - cious



us his pre - cious blood. Who his love will not re -
vast and gra - cious tide. Grace and love like might - y
life of him who saves. In the val - ley of our
daugh - ters, treas - ured sons. We are called to feast for -



mem - ber,__ who can cease to sing his praise? He can
riv - ers__ poured in - ces - sant from a - bove; heav - en's
dark - ness dawned his ev - er - last - ing light; per - fect
ev - er__ on a love be - yond our time; glor - ious



nev - er be for - got - ten__ through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
peace and per - fect just - ice__ kissed a guilt - y world in love.
love in glor - ious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hell - ish night.
Fa - ther, Son and Spir - it__ now with man are in - ter - twined.

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news:

Blessed is the one

whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one

whose sin the LORD does not count against them.

Because of his great love, God has forgiven you in Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers for the Church and World

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Sermon

12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. 20 Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when men hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

25 Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you,
for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

“Beatitudes for the Upside-Down Kingdom”

Rev. Brad Chaney

Luke 6:12-26

Sermon Series
*Luke: the Gospel of
Amazement*

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly appropriate and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. But it is especially fitting that we now, gathered around this table, thank you for your gracious covenant promises to us in Christ.

Remember, Father, our Lord's humble birth, his holy life, his innocent sufferings and death, and his resurrection and ascension for us. Faithfully keep your covenant with us for Jesus' sake, and come now to nourish and equip us for service in your kingdom.

A TABLE SET BY GOD

HERB FROMBACH, 2007



1. The ta - ble is set, the bread and the wine; You are the guest, now



come and dine. The bod - y and the pre - cious blood;



come to the ta - ble set by God.



2. The ta - ble is set, _____ come now and feast; where
3. So gath - er a - round our dear Sav - ior's feet.



all can par - take, _____ e - ven the least. The bod - y and the
This is his bod - y, take _____ and eat. We gath - er in com -



pre - cious blood; come to the ta - ble set by God.
mu - ni - ty. This is his blood, now take and drink.



Je - sus' bod - y bro - ken so that you might live. Je - sus' blood was



shed, what more could he give? Je - sus is the bread,



Je - sus is the wine. Come to the ta - ble set by God, Di - vine.



Come to the ta - ble set by _____ God.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

MARTIN RINKART, 1663



1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hand and voice,
2. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;



Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
Thanks be to God.

May Grace and peace to you abound from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.