# THE LORD'S DAY

March 30, 2025

10 O'clock A.M.

We gather as God's people to worship the Triune God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We do so through our Lord Jesus' sin-substitutionary death,
and by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

**PRELUDE** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

REFLECTION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; and he who has no money, Come, buy wine and milk without money and Without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, And your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to Me; Hear, that your soul may live. Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteousness 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. face. The meal that is so central to our lives today—the supper in which the Lord meets us and feeds us spiritually—will then give way to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He was already looking forward to that day. He said, "I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). When the Apostle John was given a glimpse of that day, he was told to take special note: "And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9).

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## The Table of the Lord

by <u>Jonathan L. Master</u> From <u>TABLETALK</u>

Among all the important meals recorded in the Bible, the most significant is also the one to which all Christians are invited. It was instituted by Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed. It is not a one-time occurrence but is to be celebrated perpetually until it reaches its heavenly culmination. It is called the Lord's Supper. The Bible identifies at least three purposes for this supper, all of which are outlined in 1 Corinthians 10-11. The first is the most mysterious. The Lord's Supper is a participation—a sharing. What is it that we share? We share spiritually in the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has fellowship with His people by His Spirit at the supper. Of course, Jesus is not physically present—the text makes that abundantly clear. But Jesus Christ is present in a special way by His Holy Spirit. When we gather, we share in this together as one body. We have communion with Jesus spiritually and communion with one another. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (10:17). Second, this important meal is a memorial. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (11:24). It is worth noting that Jesus did not institute a meal that would remind us of His miracles or His sermons. He established a memorial of His death. This shows us how central the death of Jesus is to Christians. We are not simply followers of Jesus' teaching or admirers of His ethics; we are those whose only hope of reconciliation with God comes through the death of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

Because of this great truth, it is only fitting that the third key purpose of the Lord's Supper is proclamation. Since we eat the meal together in the context of public worship and the proclamation of the Word, our participation is a public matter. We are declaring something about Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (11:26).

What a day it will be when He comes! Believers who know Jesus Christ through His Word and by His Spirit will then see Him face-to-

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH

WCF, Christ the Mediator

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

based on the Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in so many ways. We have not honored Your Name as Holy in our words and in our lives. We have failed to pray earnestly for our Lord's Return, living in anticipation and fear. Too often, we are ungrateful for our daily provisions. We desire your forgiveness but withhold it from others. We are prone to temptation and sin because we don't plead with You to enable us to resist temptation and the devil's schemes. Father, we beg you this day forgive us for these sins through our Savior Jesus, and His death for our sins. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalm 32:1,2,10,11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit is no deceit

Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice O righteous!

PASTORAL PRAYER		
*HYMN OF DEVOTION	All the Way My Savior Leads N Ushers come forward at this tim	_
TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE	Doxology	#731
*READING OF GOD'S WOF	r	ohesians 2:1-10 e Pg, 1159.1160
PREACHING OF THE WOR	RD	Faith Alone
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Not What My Hands Have Done	#461
*BENEDICTION		

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\*Stand if you are able

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2: 1-10

### By Grace Through Faith

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2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But<sup>[</sup>God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.