

THE LORD'S DAY

February 22, 2026

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

**Oh sing to Yahweh a new song!
Sing to the Yahweh, all the earth!**

*Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

**Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

*For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
All the gods of the peoples are worthless idols.*

But Yahweh made the heavens!

*Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness
Tremble before Him, all the earth!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION

Come, Thou Almighty King

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Passages like these (among others such as Revelation 19) mention an upcoming day that will be great and glorious for God's people.

Each time we partake of the Lord's supper, we get a foretaste of this certain heavenly meal in our future where we will feast and celebrate for all eternity our reunion with our Savior and Redeemer. If we enjoy and celebrate Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper here on earth, just imagine what it will be like to dine with our Savior on this coming glorious day, when we will see one another face to face and, in the words of the hymn writer Horatio Spafford, "Our faith shall be sight!" The next time you partake of the Lord's Supper, meditate on this stunning truth, that a certain future day is coming when we will dine with our sovereign King and Savior, the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

Lord Supper Preparation

Saving The Best For Last
By: Eric Venable

“And when the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ ---Luke 22:14-18

How we think about the future directly affects what we do in the present. One quick example of this that comes to mind occurred in October 2008 when the United States Congress passed legislation attempting to hold up the economy by injecting seven hundred billion dollars into it. I remember hearing that the stock market significantly rose that day. Why? Because even though the markets hadn't received a dollar from the bailout plan, many believed that the government's promised future actions were going to change things, so many in the financial sector responded positively.

The word “eschatological” (from “eschatology”) is a big theological word with a very simple but significant meaning: “thinking about the end.” How we think about the future as Christians, especially God's future for us and our final redemption, is important. As Christians, we believe God's future for us and or final redemption still has final phase, lying ahead of those who believe in the gospel. In a sense, God is saving the best for last.

In all three accounts of the Lord's Supper that we have in the gospels, Jesus connects the Passover meal that he shared with his disciples to something that will take place in the future. In Luke 22:16 Jesus mentions that he will not eat the meal again” ... until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Likewise, in the other gospel accounts Jesus after telling his disciples to drink of the cup that is his blood of the new covenant, mentions that he will not drink of the cup again until he drinks it anew with his people in his Father's kingdom. What is Jesus talking about in passages like these?

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed 325AD

We believe in One God the Father Almighty:

Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe 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 and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnated 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

We 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 gloried; who spoke by the prophets.

We believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church:

*We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Daniel 9

Heavenly Father, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant love with those who obey You. We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against You. All of us have transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your voice. Listen to our pleas for mercy, and forgive us. Incline Your ear and hear. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive us through the sin-substitutionary death of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Psalms 103:11-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so, the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Ushers come down on last verse

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 6:13-17
Pew Bible pg.1163

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Gospel Shoes

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

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Scripture Reading
Ephesians 6:13-17

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,