



Worship. · Witness. · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Pentecost

May 31, 2020

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

OUR HISTORIC FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 22

57Q. How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

A. Not only my soul will be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ, will be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.*

Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:21-23; 1 Cor. 15:20, 42-46, 54; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2

Q58. How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

A. Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

Rom. 14:17; John 17:3; 1 Cor. 2:9

**The first edition had here the German word for "holy." This was later corrected to the German word for "glorious."*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 4:6-8, 9-11

GLORIFYING GOD

He Will Hold Me Fast

CONFESSION OF SIN

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalms 40:1-3a

I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² *He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,*

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³ *He put a new song in my mouth,*

a song of praise to our God.

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

Refiner's Fire

RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:10-22

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

SERMON

The Free Life: Under the Law or By Faith?

Pastor Randy Edwards

RESPONSE

RESPONDING IN SONG

With All My Heart

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

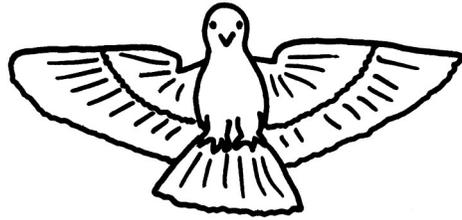
Rising Sun

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

And that is what we are!



“When the day of **Pentecost** had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:1-4