

Praise

*Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 118:8, 14-15

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

People: **The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.**

*There is Power in the Blood

*Prayer of Adoration

*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Confessing our Faith — Belgic Confession, Article XXIII¹

Christian, regarding our justification, what do you believe?

We believe that our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is implied;

as David and Paul teach us, declaring this to be the blessedness of man that *God imputes righteousness to him apart from works.*

And the same apostle says that we are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

And therefore we always hold fast this foundation, ascribing all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, and acknowledging ourselves to be such as we really are, without presuming to trust in anything in ourselves, or in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him.

This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing the conscience of fear, terror, and dread, without following the example

¹ The Belgic Confession was originally composed in 1561 by Guido de Bres for the churches in Flanders and the Netherlands. It was adopted by a Reformed Synod at Emden, in 1571. During the Synod of Dort in 1618–1619, several editions of the Confession in differing languages (French, Dutch, and Latin) were carefully examined and an official, revised edition was produced.¹

of our first father, Adam, who, trembling, attempted to cover himself with fig-leaves.

And, verily, if we should appear before God, relying on ourselves or on any other creature, though ever so little, we should, alas! be consumed.

And therefore every one must pray with David: O Jehovah, enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living is righteous.

Prayers of the People – Scott Wilkins

Renewal

Confession of Sin — adapted from Psalm 118:19

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Silent Confession

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

*Assurance of Pardon — adapted from Psalm 118:20-24

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Give Us Clean Hands

Worship Training - During the song, children may be dismissed for worship training (designed for but not limited to children 5 and under). Pick up your child in the Ed building after worship.

Commitment

Offertory – *My Only Hope* – Sandra Jorgensen

Scripture Reading – Genesis 32:1-33:4

Sermon – *Striving and the Promise* – Rev. Carter Sanger

***There is Power in the Blood (last verse)**

Community Life

***Benediction** – *from Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

***Dismissal** — adapted from Isaiah 6:8

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

Here I am! Send me.

Sunday schedule

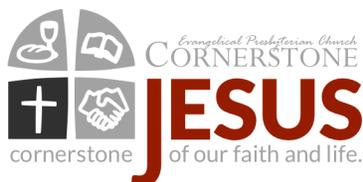
Coffee & Fellowship	10-10:30 AM
Worship:	10:30-11:45 AM

Parents & children: Nursery, Cry Room, Children’s Worship Training

If you’re a nursing mom or have a crying baby you are welcome to try our cry room, located at the end of the hall. We also provide nursery for babies and toddlers, and provide an optional time of children’s worship training midway through the service.

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† *As you find a seat, please silence all electronic devices*

Preparation

Prelude/Welcome

²³ Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me...” (*Je 9:23–24*)

Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit,
but righteousness delivers from death. (*Pr 10:2*)

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* Please stand, if able.