

The Facts of Christ's Death

For all the many-sided significance of the Lord's Supper, its central significance is to be found in the death of the Savior whom it proclaims. When our Lord established this Supper as an ordinance in his church he said, "This do in remembrance of me." Paul set forth its meaning in the same terms when he wrote, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till he come."

Of first importance for us is that this sacrament proclaims the *fact* of Christ's death. That Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are historical fact is the foundation of our faith. Christianity is not simply a system of high ideals, it is the preaching and believing of the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world—that he died and rose again from the dead.

But we must not only know the *fact* of Christ's death, we must also know the *facts* of that death. The facts surrounding Christ's death throw such a light upon that event that they enable us to understand its proper significance.

What are the facts of Christ's death? Well, we know many details of his trial. We know that it was on Golgotha's brow that he died and that he hung between two thieves. We know that darkness covered the earth and that in the awful blackness he cried out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" But of many more intimate details we know nothing.

Yet we do know more. We know that his death was a punishment. Roman law executed its criminals by crucifixion. God's law also declares, "He that is hanged is accursed of God." Christ's death was to satisfy the curse of God's law against sinners and therefore the violence of his death is explained by the fact that it was a punishment.

One more fact we know about Christ's death and this from his own lips: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He died a death of punishment to draw men to himself—to be their Savior. He did not die for his own sin, but for sinful men. By this death Jesus delivers those who believe from the curse of sin and makes them his own people. And so we remember not only that he died, but why he died. Therefore let us give thanks.

*For the wages of
sin is death; but
the gift of God is
eternal life
through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

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THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 372

“Praise Waits for Thee in Zion”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 170

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 512

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 308

“Jesus Paid It All”

Sermon Text

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Hymn of Preparation # 420

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

Celebrating the Supper

*Hymn of Response # 55

“To God Be the Glory”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Adult Sunday School class. We are studying the book of Colossians.

Today. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.