## THE LORD'S DAY

February 11, 2024 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Piano David Schmidt Wendy Baldwin

Hymn 144 Great Are You, O Lord

Hymn 147 How Great Thou Art

Prayer

Scripture Reading – Psalm 138 (opposite page)

Announcements

Hymn 338 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Hymn 83 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Hymn 84 Jesus, What a Wonder You Are

Pastoral Prayer

Message The Ultimate Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Revelation 13:9-18 Rev. Calvin VanderMey

Benediction

Postlude

# WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 92. What is a sacrament?

A. A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers. Matt. 28:19; 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 1:22-26; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 10:16-17

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday 6:30 PM - Precept on Zoom
Wednesday 10 AM - Men's Bible Fellowship
Wednesday 6:30 PM - Prayer and Bible Study
Thursday 8:15 AM - Precept Bible Study
Thursday 6:30-7:45 PM - Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 12:30 PM - Ladies' Luncheon and Hymn Sing

Psalm 138 The LORD's Goodness to the Faithful

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>I will praise You with my whole heart;

Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

<sup>2</sup> I will worship toward Your holy temple,

And praise Your name

For Your lovingkindness and Your truth;

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

<sup>3</sup> In the day when I cried out, You answered me,

And made me bold with strength in my soul.

<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD,

When they hear the words of Your mouth.

<sup>5</sup> Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

For great *is* the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is on high,

Yet He regards the lowly;

But the proud He knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;

You will stretch out Your hand

Against the wrath of my enemies,

And Your right hand will save me.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me;

Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever;

Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

February 24 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 am February 27 – Youth Group 5:30-7 pm for grades 6-12 March 16 – Ladies' Luncheon

Please remember to silence your cell phones to help maintain an attitude of worship without distraction.

# MISSIONARY CORNER

Each week we focus on Missionaries and Organizations we support as a local church.

Summit Ministries recognized that an alarming number of Christians stumble while in college, and around half will renounce their faith because they simply do not have a defense for their beliefs. David Noebel, their founder and former president, almost joined those statistics while he was a philosophy student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Dr. Noebel founded Summit Ministries in 1962 to help ground Christians in their faith, thereby enabling them to face the barrage of challenges on college campuses. Their current home is a turn-of-the-century hotel, around which they have built a complex of buildings dubbed the Summit Village, located in Manitou Springs, CO at the foot of Pike's Peak. Today, they are under the direction of President Dr. Jeff Myers, and they are viewed as a leader in training Christians in apologetics, worldview analysis, and social engagement.

# Daniel's Outline of the Future

The Times of the Gentiles — Luke 21:24

612 B.C.

Israel

Church

Israel

The Revelation of Christ

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great world colossus that pictures the deterioration of Gentile power: first in quality, from gold to iron and clay; then in strength, from iron to common iron mixed with clay.

Daniel 2

**Eastern Church** 

Stone cu without hands

Zech 14:4

Dan 2:34-35

The

Western Church

Tribulation Revived Dan 12:1

A.D. future Empire

Roman

Antichrist Dan 11:31-45 2 Ths 2:3-8 Rev 13:1-10

612 B.C. Babylonian Empire

538 B.C.

Medo-Persian Empire

Greek

330 B.C. Empire

63 B.C.

Empire

Roman

Leopard Dan 7:6

Alexander's Kingdom Divisions of Four

Beast Dan 7:7-8

Dan 8:8-12

Ram

Dan 8:1-7

Daniel's vision of the Beasts

Dan 7:1-4 Lion

Bear Dan 7:5

Dan 7:1-3

He-Goat

# The Image of Daniel 2



606 ± B.C.
Gold—Nebuchadnezzar's
Babylon (Unquestioned
obedience to one absolute
sovereign)

536 ± B.C. Silver—The dual Empire of the Medes & Persians (The 2 arms!)

336 B.C. Copper – The Greek Empire

200 ± B.C. Iron Legs United — Roman Republic & Empire

300 ± A.D. Iron Legs Divided — Western & Eastern Roman Empire

476 & 1453 A.D. (They fall)

Iron Legs Cracking – European States

Iron & Clay Feet - End-time Lawlessness (Communism)?

10 Toes - Revived Rome Confederacy

A.D.?

## A COMPARISON BETWEEN DANIEL'S FOURTH BEAST AND THE BEAST OF REVELATION

## Daniel's Fourth Beast:

Comes up out of the sea (7:3)

Ten horns—ten kings (7:7, 24)

Another horn (Antichrist) becomes dominant ruler (7:24-26)

Stamped with the feet (7:7)

Great iron teeth (7:7)

Blasphemous (7:25)

Persecutes saints (7:21)

Power for a time, times, and a dividing of a time (1 + 2 + 1/2 = 3 1/2 years) (7:25)

Defeated by God who then sets up the Kingdom (7:21-22, 26-27)

### Revelation's Beast:

Comes up out of the sea (13:1)

Seven heads (13:1)

Ten horns—ten kings (13:1; 17:12)

The beast as a person (cf. 19:20) becomes dominant ruler (17:12-13)

(13:2)

Like a leopard

characteristics from each of Daniel's first

This beast has

Feet of a bear (13:2)

three beasts, viz., lion,

Mouth of a lion (13:2) bear & leopard (Dan. 7:4-6).

Scarlet color (17:3)

Blasphemous (13:5)

Dragon gives him power (13:2)

Persecutes saints (13:7; 11:7)

Power for 42 months (3 1/2 years) (13:5)

Defeated by God who then sets up the Kingdom (19:11-20:6)