

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” For on the one hand there is annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect, on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: “The Lord has sworn and will not relent, ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’”), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man... For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another-He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 7:14-8:2; 9:23-26



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*Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence
and Godly fear. Hebrews 12:28*

The Season of Music

Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

Almighty God, who has given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, which we beseech You to send forth more and more into our hearts, as a testimony of Your fatherly love to us, and to fill us with fervent love toward You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Praise

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 110

Minister: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Prayer of Invocation

The Hymn #203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Mendelssohn

Old Testament Reading: *Micah 5:2-5*

The Hymn #217 *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Warum Sollt' Ich

The Musical Offering

The Lord's Word

The Word of God Read

Luke 2:1-20

The Word of God Proclaimed

Pastor Scott Reiber

The Incarnation of Christ Jesus: Glory to God in the Highest!

The Lord's Table

Confession of Sin

Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate

All: We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only

outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6,10,11

Minister: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When you make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

All: Amen.

The Nicene Creed

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The Hymn #221

Lo, How a Rose

Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Affirmation of Our Commitment

The Benediction

Pastor Reiber

The Hymn: *Silent Night*

The Lighting of Candles

The Ushers

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.

Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly host sing Alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;

Christ the Savior is born!

The Recessional

The Congregation