The Lord's Day, July 26, 2020

Afternoon Worship

When the accompanist begins to play, let us quiet ourselves for worship.
We welcome our visitors today! Please, sign our guest book in the foyer.

Order of Worship 2:30 PM

Prelude (A time for prayer and meditation)
*Call to Worship and Apostolic Salutation
PASTOR: Grace and peace to you
from him who is, and who was, and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,
the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
PEOPLE: **To him who loves us**
and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom
and priests to serve his God and Father—
ALL: **to him be glory and power for ever and ever!**
Amen. —from Revelation 1:4b–6
*Hymn 281 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer
**Doxology* (Hymn 567)
Offering plates are set up at the back and front of the worship area.
Psalm 137 and 138 *Responsive Reading*
By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
There on the poplars we hung our harps,
for there our captors asked us for songs.
Our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill.
May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.
Remember, O LORD, what the Edomites did
on the day Jerusalem fell. "Tear it down," they cried,
"tear it down to its foundations!"
Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,
happy is the one who repays you
according to what you have done to us.
Happy is the one who seizes your infants
and dashes them against the rocks.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I sing your praise.
I bow before your holy temple and thank your name
for your kindness and faithfulness,
for above all else you have exalted your name and your word.
When I prayed for help, you answered me;
You made me bold; you put strength in my soul.
All earthly kings will acknowledge you, LORD,
when they hear what you have spoken.
They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.
Though the LORD is exalted, it is the lowly he regards;
the lofty he knows only from afar.
When I walk amid trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against my foes' wrath.

With your right hand you rescue me;
the LORD will completely vindicate me.
ALL: **Your love, O LORD, endures forever—**
abandon me not, for I am your handiwork.
*Psalm 138B “With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”
Silent Prayer of Confession and Pastoral Prayer
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26 (p. 876)
OT Lesson: **Isaiah 13:19–14:15**
NT Lesson: **Revelation 18:1–19:4**
PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**
Sermon: ***Fallen, Fallen Is Babylon the Great!***
Rev. Dr. Byron Curtis
*Hymn 481 “Lord, to Thee I Lift My Soul” (Psalm 25:1–9)
*Benediction
*Closing Hymn 226 “O the Deep, Unbounded Riches”
We welcome you to visit with one another outdoors.
*__Please stand, if able.__