

THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2025 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Prayer
Scripture Reading Psalm 37:23-40
Hymn 16 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Choir Anthem I Am Thine Crosby/Courtney
Announcements
Hymn Favorites
Pastoral Prayer
Message The Flesh Warreth Against the Spirit,
 And the Spirit Against the Flesh
 Exodus 8-9:17 Rev. Calvin VanderMey
Hymn 721 Jesus Never Fails
Benediction
Postlude

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

I Cor. 15:42-43, Matt. 25:33-34, 46, Rom. 8:29; 1 John 3:2, Ps. 16:11; 1 Thess. 4:17

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday – Precept on Zoom 6:30 PM

Wednesday – Men's Bible Study 10AM

Wednesday – Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thursday – Precept 8:15 AM

Thursday – Choir rehearsal 6:30 PM

Friday - Bible study for those in their 20s & 30's – 7-8 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

March 8 – Ladies' Luncheon 12:30 PM

MISSIONARY CORNER

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

January update from Hearts for the Homeless:

2024 was truly a monumental year for Hearts. We stepped out in faith to take on a significant kitchen renovation project that will benefit the community long into the future. The renovation has been completed, praise God! The new kitchen includes a state-of-the-art tilt skillet which has revolutionized our ability to prepare healthy meals faster and more efficiently. This advancement secures our Code Blue meal service long into the future so those seeking shelter are fed on the coldest nights. In addition to providing more hot meals for those seeking shelter during nights of Code Blue, the Commercial Kitchen renovation has opened the doors for Hearts to add a recurring lunch service for the first time in the history of our organization.

Hearts' Mobile Soup Kitchen, which has served hot meals five nights a week for 35 years, is now also serving a hot lunch with sandwiches, cookies and a drink every Tuesday at the Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library in Buffalo. Our first lunch service was held on November 12, 2024. We are looking forward to building relationships and making connections in East Buffalo throughout 2025 and beyond.

| The Plague | Exodus | Pharaoh's Response | Magicians' Response | Egyptian Deity |
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| Water turned to blood | 7:20-22 | Hardened heart | Made water turn to blood | Hapi, god of the Nile River; the river that brought life was now full of death |
| Frogs | 8:5-7 | Agreed to set the slaves free and later changed his mind | Made frogs appear | Heket, goddess of fertility, having a frog's head; a pest in the form of the god |
| Gnats or lice | 8:16-17 | Hardened heart | Could not repeat it and called it "the finger of God" | Geb and Akhor, gods of the earth; the dust was formed into the lice |
| Flies | 8:20-24 | Agreed to set the slaves free and later changed his mind | Not mentioned | Khepri, god of creation, having a fly's head; a pest in the form of the god |
| Death of livestock | 9:6-7 | Hardened heart | Not mentioned | Hathor, the mother cow goddess; all the cattle were struck |
| Boils | 9:10-12 | Hardened heart | Received the boils | Isis, goddess of medicine; there was no remedy for the boils |
| Hail and fire (lightning) | 9:23-26 | Agreed to set the slaves free and later changed his mind as his heart was hardened | Pharaoh's servants hardened their hearts (v.34) | Nut, goddess of the sky; the severe storm came from the sky |
| Locusts | 10:12, 10:16-20 | Agreed to let the men go to worship and then changed his mind as his heart was hardened | Pled to let the slaves go | Seth, god of vegetation; the locusts consumed all of the vegetation in Egypt |
| Darkness | 10:21-23, 10:27-29 | Agreed to let them go without their flocks and then changed his mind as his heart was hardened | Not mentioned | Ra, god of the sun; even when the sun was out, there was darkness |
| Death of the firstborn | 11:4-9 | With a hard heart, he refused to release them | Not mentioned | Pharaoh, held to be a god; he could not prevent the death of his own son |