

A community of believers devoted to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers

## Order of Worship - December 17, 2023

Call to worship and pastoral prayer

Hymnal #270: Joy to the World

Scripture Reading: Psalm 68

Songbook #104: Let Your Kingdom Come

Sermon: And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever Revelation 11:15-19

Prayer of response to sermon

Hymnal #244: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Overhead: My Worth Is Not in What I Own

The Lord's Supper

Songbook #170: You're the Lion of Judah

### Who are to come to the Lord's Table?

Born-again baptized believers, not practicing willful unrepentant sin, who are united to Christ as part of a sound evangelical church.

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins but nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith. The Heidelberg Catechism Q.81

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 admonishes us to partake of the Table with self-examination and careful regard for the body of Christ. Failure to do so may subject us to chastisement. If you have significant conflict with others in the church, please refrain from participating today and make efforts to reconcile. You may give cheerfully in the offering box or through the Zelle app.

#### Visitors

- ▶ Put your welcome card in the offering box, we have free resources for you!
- ▶ During the sermon: Nursery for children under age 3. Class for ages 4-6 on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.
- ▶ Free evangelism materials in the foyer upstairs.
- ▶ Elders are available after service to pray or answer questions.

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# **Sermon Outline**

### And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever Revelation 11:15-19

- **I. Introduction:** "Every battle is won before it is ever fought"
- **II. Exposition:** God's eternal kingdom shall prevail
  - A. The praise and worship of heaven in anticipation of God's final judgment & victory (vv.15-18; 15:1-4)
    - a. The declaration of victory from the heavenly host (v.15)
      - i. Christ will reign supreme over all the kingdoms of this world (Daniel 2:44; 7:14)
    - b. The praise of the redeemed in heaven (vv.16-18)
      - i. God's power and sovereign reign over the universe will be on full display (v.17)
      - ii. God will administer judgment to all of mankind (v.18; Matt 25:31ff)
        - 1. He will subdue the raging of the nations (v.18a; Ps 2; 46:9-10)
        - 2. The living and dead will be judged (v.18b)
        - 3. All the saints, both small and great will be rewarded (v.18c)
        - 4. And finally, the destroyers of the earth will be destroyed (v.18d; 2 Thess 1:5ff)
    - B. God's terrifying power and majesty is revealed from heaven (v.19; Rev 15:5)
      - a. A joy to believers, but a terror to unbelievers

## III. Application:

- 1. Know that our victory is certain, even though it doesn't seem like it
- 2. We must not shrink back from our task of advancing the kingdom of God (2 Peter 3:9; Matt 28:20)
- 3. Press on in the faith, our redemption is nearer than when we first believed (Rom 13:11)