

MARCH 5, 2023

EVENING

Order of Worship

Greeting

Call to Worship

*Psalm 89:1*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Invocation

\* Hymn # 470

**"How Vast the Benefits Divine"**

\* Hymn # 471

**"'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"**

Affirmation of Faith:

***Westminster Confession of Faith 25.1, 5***

***The Church and Her Preservation***

Q. What is the Church?

A. (25.1): The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

Q. Will God preserve his Church?

A. (25.5): The purest Churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated as to become no Churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there shall be always a Church on earth to worship God according to His will.

\* **Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament:** *Psalm 2 (The Kingly Christ)*

\* **Pastor:** This is the Word of our God.

\* **Congregation:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn # 358

**"For All the Saints"**

Sermon Series: *2 John*

\* **Prayer for Illumination**

\* **Sermon Text**

*2 John 1-3, 12-13*

\* **Pastor:** Thus far the reading of God's holy Word. And may God add His blessing to the reading of His Word.

\* **Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: **"The Elect Lady & Her Children"**

Pastor Michael Mock

Sermon Outline: Begins below

Prayer for Transformation

\* Hymn # 689

**"Be Still My Soul"**

\* Benediction

\* Departing Hymn # 740

“Threefold Amen”

Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Sermon Outline:** *2 John 1-3, 12-13* “The Elect Lady & Her Children”

**Because God has chosen the Church for himself, he will insist on blessing her in the truth.**

**1. The Church as Lady (vv. 1, 13)**

- a. Ezekiel 16
- b. Hosea
- c. Isaiah 61
- d. 2 Corinthians 11:2
- e. Revelation 19; 21
- f. **Application:** The Church from the Son’s side

**2. The Church as Chosen (vv. 1, 13)**

- a. John’s Theme
  - i. John 1
  - ii. John 15
  - iii. John 17
  - iv. Rev. 17
- b. In but not of the Church
  - i. John 13:18
  - ii. 1 John 2:19
- c. **Application:** Chosen by grace, not our goodness

**3. The Church with Children (vv. 1, 13)**

- a. Fruitful
  - i. Gen. 1
  - ii. Isa. 9:6
  - iii. Matt. 28:19
- b. Generational
- c. Communal
- d. **Application:** Maintain healthy sister relations

#### **4. The Church as Blessed (vv. 1-3, 12-13)**

- a. Grace
- b. Mercy
- c. Peace