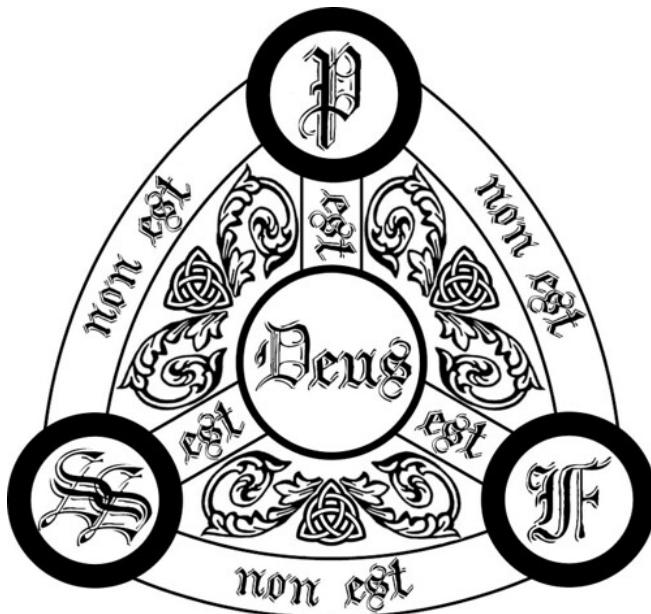


# THE LORD'S DAY

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

### 10:15 AM

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#### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Once the prelude begins, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

O Eternal, Almighty, and most gracious God! Heaven is your throne, and earth is your footstool; holy and reverend is your name; you are praised by the heavenly hosts, and in the congregation of your saints on earth. Receive us graciously, help us by your Spirit; let your fear be upon us in power, and be received in love, with attentive, reverent, and obedient minds. Cause us to be fervent in prayer, and joyful in your praises, and to serve you this day without distraction: that we may find that a day in your courts is better than a thousand, and that it is good for us to draw near to God; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

##### †Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:19-21

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

##### †Opening Prayer

##### †Responsive Reading

Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 47

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**Amen!**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**Sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

†“Now Thank We All Our God”

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#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

#### Prayer of Confession

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.... You shall not bow down to them or serve them. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

(Deut. 5:6-12a)

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Psa. 51:2-3)**

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's. (Deut. 5:16-21)

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. (Psa. 130:3-4)**

Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared

away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

†Psalm 145C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 60; 1-5, 11

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      1 Chronicles 18  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 348)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      Revelation 19:11-21  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 1040)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon      Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 18  
HE ADMINISTERED JUSTICE AND EQUITY:  
DAVID'S WARS, PART 1 OF 3  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #16

†Psalm 48A

God Communes with Us  
in the Lord's Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration  
By the promise of God this bread and wine are  
for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up  
your hearts!  
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Building Capital Fund

God Blesses Us and  
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction      Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD  
make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you; the LORD lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Amen!**

†Doxology (unannounced)      #568\*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Postlude

† = please stand, if able

**bold** = congregational response

\* = the congregation is invited to lift hands  
(during last stanza); cf. Psa. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

## **EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE 5:00 PM**

## Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Once the prelude begins, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure. (Isaiah 33:2, 5-6)

## Welcome and Announcements

## †Call to Worship Psalm 33:1-5

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the  
LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with  
the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his  
work is done in faithfulness. He loves  
righteousness and justice; the earth is full of  
the steadfast love of the LORD.

### †Opening Prayer

Responsive Reading Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

†Psalm 98C

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
    Maker of heaven and earth, and of all  
    things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the**

Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†Gloria Patri (unannounced) #571\*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the  
beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## God's Will for Our Lives      Psalm 37:21-40

The wicked borrows but does not pay back,  
**but the righteous is generous and gives;**  
for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the  
land.

**but those cursed by him shall be cut off.**

The steps of a man are established by the LORD.

when he delights in his way;  
though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,  
**for the LORD upholds his hand.**

<sup>1</sup> “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken  
**or his children begging for bread.**  
He is ever lending generously,  
**and his children become a blessing.**  
Turn away from evil and do good;  
**so shall you dwell forever.**  
For the LORD loves justice;  
**he will not forsake his saints.**  
They are preserved forever,  
**but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.**  
The righteous shall inherit the land  
**and dwell upon it forever.**  
The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
**and his tongue speaks justice.**  
The law of his God is in his heart;  
**his steps do not slip.**  
The wicked watches for the righteous  
**and seeks to put him to death.**  
The LORD will not abandon him to his power  
**or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.**  
Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land;  
**you will look on when the wicked are cut off.**  
I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,  
**spreading himself like a green laurel tree.**  
But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;  
**though I sought him, he could not be found.**  
Mark the blameless and behold the upright,  
**for there is a future for the man of peace.**  
But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;  
**the future of the wicked shall be cut off.**  
The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
**he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.**  
The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
**he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

### Pastoral Prayer

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen!**

### *Psalm of the Month*

†Psalm 4

### Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Revelation 5

**Thanks be to God!**

### Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING

LORD'S DAY 12

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

(TPH, p. 877)

†“Union with Thee”

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Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen!**

†“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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(unannounced)

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