

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 6:00 PM

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

Almighty God, be present among us in power, and with great might comfort and sustain us; that though our sins and wickedness would hinder us in the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 97:1-5, 12

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 22

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!**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

**My vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

**May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

**And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

**And he rules over the nations.**

†“Crown Him with Many Crowns”              #380

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-6

Confession of Sin

*(Robert G. Rayburn, O Come Let Us Worship)*

**Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

†Psalm 32B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 94A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Zechariah 3  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 794)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Revelation 12  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 1034)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

ZECHARIAH 3  
JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST  
EXPOSITION OF ZECHARIAH #5  
i. The Defeat of Satan  
ii. The Role of Joshua  
iii. The Promise of Christ

†“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”      #457

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>: Ecuador Mission

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

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper  
with us if you are a professing member in good  
standing of a Christian church. This means that:

1. you have been baptized;
2. you have made a public profession of  
faith in Jesus Christ;
3. and you desire to live a godly life in  
fellowship with his church.

Do you know your place in Christ? Are you  
known as faithful to Christ by his church? Then  
you too are welcome at his table.

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 125:1-2)

### †Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

### †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 99B

### †Confession of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;<sup>1</sup> the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### †Psalm 119B

**How shall the young direct their way?**

**What light shall be their perfect guide?**

**Your word, O Lord, will safely lead, if in its wisdom they confide. Sincerely I have sought you, Lord, O let me not from you depart; to know your will and keep from sin your word I cherish in my heart.**

**O blessed Lord, teach me your law, your righteous judgments I declare; your testimonies make me glad, for they are wealth beyond compare. Upon your precepts and your ways my heart will meditate with awe; your word shall be my chief delight, and I will not forget your law.**

The Life of Gratitude Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Pastoral Prayer *Te Deum*  
(attributed to St. Ambrose of Milan, AD 387)

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;

**All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</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).

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

We pray especially for...In the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

**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 77, Stanzas 1-4

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1009)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

LET MARRIAGE BE HELD IN HONOR, PART 2

LORD'S DAY 41B

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

108 Q. What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?

**A. That God condemns all unchastity, and that we should therefore detest it wholeheartedly and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.**

109 Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

**A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.**

†“The Church's One Foundation” #404

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!**

†“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire” #267

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