

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

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 27

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!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
**my adversaries and foes, it is they who
stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his
temple.**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Confession of Sin *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

**Almighty and most merciful Father; we
have erred, and strayed from your ways
like lost sheep. We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done
those things which we ought not to have
done; and so we are helpless without you.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable
offenders. Spare us, as we confess our
faults, restore us, as we are penitent,
according to your promises declared to us
in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O
most merciful Father, for his sake, that we
may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and
devout life, to the glory of your holy Name.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be

glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Psalm 33

†Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Pastoral Prayer

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.

†Psalm 92A

Amen!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 4
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 794)
Thanks be to God!

**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.**

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-4
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 909)
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

† = please stand, if able
bold = congregational response

ZECARIAH 4

NOT BY MIGHT OR POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT

EXPOSITION OF ZECARIAH #6

- i. Israel
- ii. Christ
- iii. The Church

†“O Breath of Life” #395

God Communes with Us
in the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to 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!

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Offering 1st: General Fund
2nd: Benevolence Fund

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131)

†Call to Worship Psalm 144:9-10, 15

†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 144B

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**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;¹ 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
catholic² church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the**

**resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

†Psalm 22C, Stanza 1

**Amid the thronging worshippers Jehovah
will I bless; before my brethren gathered
there, his name will I confess. Come,
praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye
children of his grace; with rev'rence
sound his glories forth and bow before
his face.**

The Life of Gratitude

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.

**It is written, "You shall worship the Lord
your God, and him only shall you serve."
(Luke 4:8)**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth. (John
4:24)**

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.

**Do not take an oath at all, either by
heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by
the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what
you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything
more than this comes from evil. (Matthew
5:33-37)**

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

**The Sabbath was made for man, not man
for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord
even of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

² "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 in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

For God commanded... “Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.”

(Matthew 15:4)

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

You shall not commit adultery.

Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28)

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. (Matthew 15:19-20)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:34, 37)

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 59

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 119G

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 50

(p. 473)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE CATTLE ON A THOUSAND HILLS

LORD'S DAY 42A

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

110 Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, which governing authorities punish, but in God's sight theft also includes all evil tricks and schemes designed to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

111 Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can and may for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may help the needy in their hardship.

†Psalm 104A, Stanzas 1-5

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!

†“For All the Saints”

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