

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 and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is convicted, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 33

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!

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Our soul waits for the LORD;

He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him,

Because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

Even as we hope in you.

†"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" #196

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Joel 2:10-13

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

Psalm 34:17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

†Psalm 145C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 73D

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 5:1-4
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 794)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 5:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1030)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

ZECHARIAH 5:1-4
A FLYING SCROLL AND A COVENANT CURSE
EXPOSITION OF ZECHARIAH #7
i. Sin
ii. Judgment
iii. Gospel

†“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” #340

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 1st: General Fund
2nd: Mid-America Reformed Seminary

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.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. (Hosea 6:1-3)

†Call to Worship Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

†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 146

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

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 one holy catholic¹ 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.

†“Come, Thou Almighty King”, Stanza 4 #212

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

The Life of Gratitude

Romans 13:8-14

Pastoral Prayer

Te Deum

(attrib. 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.

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

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.**

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 119G

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

John 17

(p. 903)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“YOUR WORD IS TRUTH”

LORD'S DAY 43A

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

112 Q. What is God's will for you in the ninth
commandment?

**A. That I never give false testimony
against anyone, twist no one's words, not
gossip or slander,
nor join in condemning anyone rashly or
without a hearing. Rather, I should avoid,
under penalty of God's wrath, every kind
of lying and deceit as the very works of the
devil; and, in court and everywhere else, I
should love the truth, speak it candidly,
and openly acknowledge it. And I should
do what I can to defend and advance my
neighbor's honor and reputation.**

†Psalm 119L

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!

†“How Firm a Foundation”

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