

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)

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

Choral Anthem "Lift High the Cross" (#287)

God Calls Us to Worship

†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 Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 34
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!

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt his name together!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

And delivered me from all my fears.

†"Praise the Savior Now and Ever" #335

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Psalm 22:23-24

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

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge before you our many sins, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your Divine Majesty, provoking your just wrath against us. We earnestly repent, and confess that we are sorry for our sins. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:8
But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

†Psalm 69B, alt tune: EVENTIDE, #159

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 115A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 5:5-11
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 795)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 18:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1038)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

ZECHARIAH 5:5-11
FALLEN, FALLEN IS BABYLON THE GREAT
EXPOSITION OF ZECHARIAH #8
i. The Presence of Iniquity
ii. The Removal of Wickedness
iii. The Fall of Babylon

†“Lift High the Cross” #287

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: Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center

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)

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

†Call to Worship Psalm 31:23-24

Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for 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 148B

†The Apostles' Creed #560

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes

me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Life of Gratitude Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Pastoral Prayer *(The Worship Sourcebook, based on Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 122-129)*

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

Your kingdom come.

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve and increase your church. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do all this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Help us and all people to renounce our own wills and without any back talk to obey your will, for it alone is good. Help everyone carry out his office and calling, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Provide for all our physical needs so that we may recognize that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our care and work nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. Therefore may we withdraw our trust from all creatures and place it in you alone.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Because of Christ's blood, do not impute to us, poor sinners that we are, any of the transgressions we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully

determined, as evidence of your grace in us, wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We are so weak that we cannot stand on our own for a moment, and our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not be defeated in this spiritual fight, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever. For it is much more certain that God has heard my prayer than I feel in my heart that I desire such things from him.

Amen!

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 103C, Stanzas 1-4

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

James 3

(p. 1012)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE WISDOM OF THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

LORD'S DAY 43B

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 119E

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Amen!

†“Union with Thee”

#448

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