

# 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, 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 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading                      Rev. 1:4-5;  
Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:9

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!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**Righteous and having salvation is he,**

Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

†“O God beyond All Praising”

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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 103:9-13

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

†Psalm 46B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 68A, Stanzas 1-2, 11-12

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      Zechariah 6:1-8  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 795)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      Romans 8:18-25  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 944)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

ZECHARIAH 6:1-8  
THE FOUR CHARIOTS OF THE APOCALYPSE  
EXPOSITION OF ZECHARIAH #9  
i. The Glory of God  
ii. The Defeat of Babylon  
iii. The Promise of Peace

†“By the Sea of Crystal”      #473

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>: Benevolence 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

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.



Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 61

**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 103C, Stanzas 5-8

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 2)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

NOT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST DESIRE OR THOUGHT:

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

LORD'S DAY 44A

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

113 Q. What is God's will for you in the tenth commandment?

**A. That not even the slightest desire or thought contrary to any one of God's commandments should ever arise in our hearts. Rather, with all our hearts we should always hate sin and delight in all righteousness.**

114 Q. But can those converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

**A. No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments.**

115 Q. Since no one in this life can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

**A. First, so that all our life long we may more and more come to know our sinful nature and thus more eagerly seek the forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ. Second, so that we may never stop striving and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.**

†“Not What My Hands Have Done”

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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!**

†“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

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