

# 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)*

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips (Psalm 63:1-5).

### Welcome and Announcements

Choral Anthem "Come to the Waters" (#444)

### Reception of New Member

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 12:4-6  
And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 47  
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!**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**Sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

†"Glory Be to God the Father" #213

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Mark 12:28-31

Confession of Sin

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

**O God and Father, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love: we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and for the good we have left undone. But you, O Lord, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and full of mercy; there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide with us until it has worked in us your holy will; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

†Psalm 98A; 1-3, 6-7

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 22D

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Zechariah 8  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 796)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Revelation 7:9-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 1032)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

ZECARIAH 8  
FROM FASTING TO FEASTING  
EXPOSITION OF ZECARIAH #11  
i. The Reason for Fasting  
ii. The Return of the King  
iii. The Restoration of Life

†“Jerusalem the Golden”                      #468

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>: Classis Church Assistance

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)*

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

### †Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### †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 100A

†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

Proverbs 21:17-31

Pastoral Prayer *(The Worship Sourcebook, based on Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. & A. 100-107)*

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

We draw near to you with all holy reverence and confidence, coming as children to a father able and ready to help us as we pray together and for others. Enable us and others to glorify you in all that we do as we live and work in the creation that displays your power and mercy, and be pleased to dispose all things to your own glory.

**Your kingdom come.**

We pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

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

We pray that you, by your grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

We pray that of your free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy your blessing with them.

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

We pray that you, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins and we are encouraged to ask this because by your grace we are able from the heart to forgive others.

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

We pray that you would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

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

We take our encouragement in prayer from you only, and in our prayers we praise you, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to you. And to testify of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say,

**Amen!**

*Psalm of the Month*

†Psalm 128A

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:5-15

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 811)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE DRAMA OF PRAYER  
LORD'S DAY 45  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

116 Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

**A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who continually and with heartfelt longing ask God for these gifts and thank him for them.**

117 Q. How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us?

**A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed himself to us in his Word, asking for everything he has commanded us to ask of him. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our**

**prayer because of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.**

118 Q. What has God commanded us to ask of him?

**A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.**

119 Q. What is this prayer?

**A. Our Father who is in heaven...**

†“Be Thou My Vision”

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Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**Amen!**

†“Nearer, Still Nearer”

#531

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