

# 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 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

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Isaiah 42:10-13  
Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands. The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 96  
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!**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

†“God Himself Is With Us”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:35-40

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward each other. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:5-11

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once

for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

God Blesses Us and  
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Psalm 78; 1-4

Reception of New Members  
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
Pastoral Prayer

†“In Christ Alone” #265

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-16  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 488)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:1-4  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 979)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

PSALM 78  
EMBRACING THE ORDINARY:  
SINGING WITH OUR CHILDREN  
i. The Song That Is Sung  
ii. The Theology It Expresses  
iii. The Life It Forms

†Psalm 98A

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>: Building Fund

†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)*

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 113:1-3  
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

### †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 catholic<sup>1</sup> 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.**

### †Gloria Patri

#571

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### The Life of Gratitude

Proverbs 3:1-12

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments,

**for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.**

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;

**bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.**

So you will find favor and good success **in the sight of God and man.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

**and do not lean on your own understanding.**

In all your ways acknowledge him,

**and he will make straight your paths.**

Be not wise in your own eyes;

**fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.**

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

It will be healing to your flesh  
**and refreshment to your bones.**  
Honor the Lord with your wealth  
**and with the firstfruits of all your  
produce;**  
then your barns will be filled with plenty,  
**and your vats will be bursting with wine.**  
My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or  
be weary of his reproof,  
**for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights.**

Pastoral Prayer Jonah 2:2-9  
**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 87A

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-17  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 984)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

THE DRAMA OF PRAYER: RECEIVING GRACE,  
SHOWING GRACE  
LORD'S DAY 51  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

126 Q. What does the fifth petition mean?  
A. **“Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors” means: 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.**

†“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” #439

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!**

†“It Is Well with My Soul” #476

Postlude

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