

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 Psalm 22:25-27

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 97

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!

You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous,

and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #216

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-6

Confession of Sin

(From the reformed liturgy of John Knox, 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Malachi 3:16-4:2

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and

all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

†Psalm 103E
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 145B; 1-4, 12

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Malachi 1:1-5
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 801)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 1 John 4:7-21
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1023)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

MALACHI 1:2-3A
THE LORD SAYS IT ALL IN LOVE
i. A love that chooses
ii. A love that endures

†“I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew”
#427

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: Ecuador Mission

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 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 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 138B

†Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten
Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was
crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell;¹ the third day he**

rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic² church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”; 6 #158

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Life of Gratitude

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

**It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”
(Luke 4:8)**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil. (Matthew 5:33-37)

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

² “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 seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

For God commanded... “Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.” (Matthew 15:4)

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

You shall not commit adultery.

Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28)

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. (Matthew 15:19-20)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:34, 37)

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

Pastoral Prayer

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

Luke 10:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 868)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

LUKE 10:17-20

JESUS REVIEWS THE REPORT OF THE 72

- i. Consummate context
- ii. Encouraging commission
- iii. Curious caution

†Psalm 96; 1, 2, 4, 6

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!

†“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun” #417

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