

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)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 51:3

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 63:1-4

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!

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.

†“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” #196*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 22:23-24

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

†Psalm 27B; 1-5

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 42A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 16
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 453)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Philipians 1:1-2
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 980)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2
FRIENDS IN CHRIST AT PHILIPPI
EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPIANS #1
 i. The Author
 ii. The Recipients
 iii. The Greeting

†“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #403

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: Classis Pacific Northwest

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

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* = the congregation is invited to lift hands
(during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

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

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Almighty God, be present among us in power, and with great might comfort and sustain us; that though our sins and wickedness would hinder us in the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Call to Worship Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

†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 27B; 6-10

†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

Romans 13:8-14

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, who by your holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people; we humbly beseech you most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer to your Divine Majesty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We beseech you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant, that all they who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We beseech you also to save and defend all leaders and governors, and especially your servant, our President; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant to his whole cabinet, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of your true religion, and virtue.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy Word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech you, of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear; beseeching you to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who taught us to pray, saying:

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 85

Scripture Reading Jude 1-25

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1027)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

ARTICLE 1, PART 1

THE BELGIC CONFESSION

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

†“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #524

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!

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

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