

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)

Our Father, we come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you. We come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you. We come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather together in his name. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those
who fear him have no lack! The young lions
suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the
LORD lack no good thing.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 113

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!

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!

The LORD is high above all nations,

And his glory above the heavens!

†“Now Thank We All Our God”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Mark 12:28-31

Confession of Sin *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all
men; we acknowledge before you our
many sins, which we have committed by
thought, word, and deed against your
Divine Majesty, provoking your just wrath
against us. We earnestly repent, and
confess that we are sorry for our sins. The
remembrance of them is grievous to us;
the burden of them is intolerable. Have
mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For
the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus
Christ, forgive us all that is past; and
grant that we may from now on serve and
please you in newness of life, to the honor
and glory of your name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 34:17-18

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD
hears and delivers them out of all their
troubles. The LORD is near to the
brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

†Psalm 91B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 68A; 2, 12

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 68:1, 18-20, 32-35

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 481)

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 909)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

ACTS 1:1-11

FINAL THINGS

i. Final Volume

ii. Final Q&A

iii. Final View

†“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” #370

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: Word and Deed

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

bold = congregational response

† = please stand, if able

* = 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

(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 96:1-3

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!

†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 96

†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.

†Psalm 22C; 1

Amid the thronging worshipers Jehovah will I bless; before my brethren gathered there, his name will I confess. Come, praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye children of his grace; with reverence sound his glories forth and bow before his face.

The Life of Gratitude Galatians 5-6 (excerpts)

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,

But through love serve one another.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

I say, walk in the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another.

Bear one another's burdens,

And so fulfill the law of Christ.

And let us not grow weary of doing good.

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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).

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 85

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 876)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

LUKE 16:19-31

IN LIFE AND DEATH

i. In Life

ii. After Death

†“I Have No Other Comfort”

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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!

†“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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