

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 God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 118

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!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
You are my God; I will extol you.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
For his steadfast love endures forever!

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Confession of Sin

(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and so we are helpless without you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

†Psalm 146

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 115A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 609)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:12-30
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 981)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-30
SHINE AS LIGHTS
EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPIANS #6
i. Effort
ii. Contrast
iii. Joy

†“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #459

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: Benevolence Fund

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)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1-2)

†Call to Worship Psalm 22:22-23

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

†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 22C

†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.

**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever!
(Rom. 11:36)**

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

**In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
(Col. 1:14-15)**

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.

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (Heb. 13:15)

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

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and

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).

spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)

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.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Col. 3:20)

You shall not murder.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)

You shall not commit adultery.

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor. 6:20)

You shall not steal.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (Eph. 4:28)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. (Eph. 4:15)

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

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. (Phi. 4:11)

Pastoral Prayer

Habakkuk 3

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 148A

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 996)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE CANON AND AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE
ARTICLES 4-6, PART 2
THE BELGIC CONFESSION

We receive all these books and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. And we believe without a doubt all things contained in them -- not so much because the church receives and approves them as such but above all because the Holy Spirit testifies in our hearts that they are from God, and also because they prove themselves to be from God. For even the blind themselves are able to see that the things predicted in them do happen.

†“O Word of God Incarnate” #171

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 1 Peter 5:10-11
And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

Amen!

†“The Sands of Time Are Sinking” #471

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