

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, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from receiving your good gifts, and no weakness keep us from experiencing the perfect freedom that only comes from serving you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 7:15-17

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 147

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!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
For it is pleasant,
And a song of praise is fitting.

He declares his word to Jacob,

His statutes and rules to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.

Praise the LORD!

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

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Psalm 11:4-5, 7

Confession of Sin

Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Your word has shown us how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for the sake of his blood and righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways, for your glory and the good of our neighbor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 7:23-25

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

†Psalm 103C; 1-4

The Sacrament of Baptism
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 103C; 5-8

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 32
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 462)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 981)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11
REJOICE IN THE LORD
EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPIANS #7
i. The Threats to Rejoicing
ii. The Reason for Rejoicing

†“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #429

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.

REFORMATION SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 46:1, 7, 9, 10; 34:3
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

†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 46B

Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Confessional Response

We know [God] by two means: First, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book in which all creatures, great and small, are as letters to make us ponder the invisible things of God: his eternal power and his divinity, as the apostle Paul says in Romans 1:20. All these things are enough to convict men and to leave them without excuse. Second, he makes himself known to us more openly by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for his glory and for the salvation of his own. (Belgic Confession, Art. 2)

We receive all these books [of the Old and New Testaments] and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. (Belgic Confession, Art. 5)

Let us thank God for His holy Word.

We thank you, God, for your Word. We thank you for the special care this shows you have for us and for our salvation. (Belgic Confession, Art. 3)

Psalm 19A; 5-9

Sola Gratia: Grace Alone

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-9

Confessional Response

How are you righteous before God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.—if only I accept this gift with a believing heart. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A. 60)

Let us thank God for His grace.

We thank you, God, for your grace. We thank You that You do not treat us as our sins deserve, that You do not repay us according to our iniquities. (Psalm 103:10). We thank you that we are justified by Your grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom You put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:24-26).

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#244

Sola Fide: Faith Alone

Scripture Reading Romans 4:1-5, 20-25

Confessional Response

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21)

Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith, for only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness are my righteousness before God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 61)

Let us thank God for the gift of faith.

We thank you, God, for the gift of faith. We thank you that the Holy Spirit has kindled in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all His merits, and makes Him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. (Belgic Confession, Art. 22)

“Not What My Hands Have Done” #435

Solus Christus: Christ Alone

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25; Acts 4:11-12; Hebrews 7:25

Confessional Response:

Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

Because He saves us from our sins; and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 29)

Let us thank God for Jesus, His inexpressible gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

We thank you, God, for Jesus. We thank you that we have in Jesus all that we need for our salvation. (Heidelberg Catechism A. 30)

“In Christ Alone” #265

Soli Deo Gloria: To God Alone Be the Glory

Scripture Reading Romans 11:33-36

Confessional Response

What is the chief end of man?

To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q & A 1)

Let us, then, glorify God.

Let us glorify God for Scripture, for grace, for faith, and for Jesus.

†“Glory Be to God the Father” #213

Evening Prayer

The Life of Gratitude Exodus 20:1-17

“Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight” #175; 1-5

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!

†“Now Blessed Be Jehovah God” #564