

# 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

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#### 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 12:22-24, 28-29

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading      Rev. 1:4-5; 15:3-4

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!**

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

**For you alone are holy.**

All nations will come and worship you,

**For your righteous acts have been revealed.**

†“Come, Thou Almighty King”      #212\*

#### 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 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

†Psalm 145C

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 103E

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 145

(p. 524)

**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Philippians 4:1-9

(p. 982)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

EXPOSITION OF PHILIPPIANS #9

- i. Agreeing
- ii. Praying
- iii. Rejoicing

†“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

#282

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

1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund

2<sup>nd</sup>: 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)*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 125:1-2)

## †Call to Worship Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

## †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!

Amherst.

[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;<sup>1</sup> 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 catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”; 4

#230\*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!** All  
thy works shall praise thy name in earth  
and sky and sea. **Holy, holy, holy!**  
**Merciful and mighty! God in three**  
**Persons, blessed Trinity!**

## The Life of Gratitude      Third Commandment

Psalm 135:1-7; HC O. & A. 99

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,  
**give praise, O servants of the LORD,**  
who stand in the house of the LORD,  
**in the courts of the house of our God!**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
**sing to his name, for it is pleasant!**

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,  
**Israel as his own possession.**

For I know that the LORD is great,  
**and that our Lord is above all gods.**

Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
**in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all  
depths.**

He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth.

**who makes lightnings for the rain and  
brings forth the wind from his  
storehouses.**

99 Q. What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

**A. That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders.** In summary, we must use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, call upon him, and praise him in everything we do and say.

<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</sup> “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

Psalm 67

**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 118A; 5-8

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 835)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS  
ARTICLE 8  
THE BELGIC CONFESION

**In keeping with this truth and Word of God we believe in one God, who is one single essence, in whom there are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties -- namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin, and source of all things, visible as well as invisible. The Son is the Word, the Wisdom, and the image of the Father. The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son.**

Nevertheless, this distinction does not divide God into three, since Scripture teaches us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each has his own subsistence distinguished by characteristics -- yet in such a way that these three persons are only one God. It is evident then that the Father is not the Son and that the Son is not the Father, and

**that likewise the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son.**

Nevertheless, these persons, thus distinct, are neither divided nor fused or mixed together. For the Father did not take on flesh, nor did the Spirit, but only the Son. The Father was never without his Son, nor without his Holy Spirit, since all these are equal from eternity, in one and the same essence. There is neither a first nor a last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy.

†“O Light That Knew No Dawn” #221

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!**

†“Arise, My Soul, Arise” #275

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