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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; 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!**

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

##### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-10

Confession of Sin

**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

Isaiah 44:21-23

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

†Psalm 100A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 130A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Gen. 1:26-31, 2:15-25

This is the Word of the Lord. (pp. 1,2)

**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading Matthew 19:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 824)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

GENESIS 1:26-31, 2:15-25

WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

CORAM DEO #11

- i. The Creation of Marriage
- ii. The Challenge of Marriage
- iii. The Gospel and Marriage

†“Union with Thee” #448

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

† = please stand, if able

**bold** = congregational response

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.

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship.)*

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 104:31-33  
May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

### †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 104A, Stanzas 1-5

†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.**

†“Come, Thou Almighty King”, Stanza 4 #212  
**To the great One in Three eternal praises  
be, hence evermore. His sovereign  
majesty may we in glory see, and to  
eternity love and adore.**

The Life of Gratitude                      Psalm 119  
Oh how I love your law!  
**It is my meditation all the day.**  
I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
**In order to keep your word.**  
I do not turn aside from your rules,  
**For you have taught me.**  
How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**  
Through your precepts I get understanding;  
**Therefore I hate every false way.**  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**And a light to my path.**  
Your testimonies are my heritage forever,  
**For they are the joy of my heart.**  
I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
**Forever, to the end.**

Pastoral Prayer                      Psalm 56  
**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 44, Stanzas 1-4

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<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).

Scripture Reading                      Psalm 78:1-8  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 488)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

THINGS THAT OUR FATHERS HAVE TOLD US  
LORD'S DAY 39A  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

104 Q. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

**A. That I show honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings—for by their hand God wills to rule us.**

†“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”      #550

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!**

†“By the Sea of Crystal”                      #473

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