

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.)

O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto your people, that they may love that which you command, and desire that which you promise; that so, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Jude 1:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

†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!

†“Glory Be to God the Father”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Micah 6:8

Confession of Sin (Book of Common Prayer, 1549)

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people; who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your nature is always to have mercy; to you only it belongs to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, O Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed; enter not into judgment with your servants, who are dust, and miserable sinners; but so turn your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our sins, and truly repent of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

†Psalm 22D

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 46B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 1:7-17
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 793)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 1:9-20
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1028)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

ZECHARIAH 1:7-17
O LORD OF HOSTS, HOW LONG?
EXPOSITION OF ZECHARIAH #1
i. Lament
ii. Comfort
iii. Promise

†“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” #256

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: Ecuador Mission

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.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE
6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

†Call to Worship Psalm 22:22-23

†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.

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!” Stanza 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

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 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)

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).

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

Psalm 57

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

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:9-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 97)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

YOU SHALL NOT HATE YOUR BROTHER:

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

LORD'S DAY 40A

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

105 Q. What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor— not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

106 Q. Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A. By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vengefulness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

107 Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

†Psalm 119E

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!

†“How Firm a Foundation”

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