

# 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 John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

†Opening Prayer

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

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!**

Give ear to my words, O LORD;

**Consider my groaning.**

Give attention to the sound of my cry,

**My King and my God, for to you do I pray.**

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;

**In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.**

For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

**You cover him with favor as with a shield.**

†“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” #360

## God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:35-40

### 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

1 John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

†Psalm 27A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 98C

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                    Isaiah 40:1-5  
This is the Word of the Lord.            (p. 599)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                  John 1:1-28  
This is the Word of the Lord.            (p. 886)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

JOHN 1:19-28

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING LORD

i. Jewish Expectation

ii. John's Message

iii. Jesus' Surpassing Greatness

†“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”            #298

## 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.)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)

### †Call to Worship                      Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### †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 95B

### †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.**

†“Glory Be to God the Father”, Stanza 1      #213

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, God Almighty, Three in One!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to him alone.**

### The Life of Gratitude                      Deut. 5:6-21

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.

**You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.**

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.

**Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your**

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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).

**work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, 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.

**You shall not murder.**

And you shall not commit adultery.

**And you shall not steal.**

And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.**

Pastoral Prayer

**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 77, Stanzas 1-4

Scripture Reading

Philemon 1-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 1000)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PHILEMON 8-20

PAUL'S PLEA FOR ONESIMUS

i. On behalf of a transformed sinner

ii. For a restored relationship

iii. Using a personal example

†“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God” #534

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!**

†“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #338

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