

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 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)*

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips (Psalm 63:1-5).

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 24

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!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-6

Confession of Sin

*(From the reformed liturgy of John Knox, 1560)*

**Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 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 34:1-3

†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 42A

†The Apostles' Creed #560

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

The Life of Gratitude

Matthew 5:27-37

Pastoral Prayer

*Te Deum*

(attrib. to St. Ambrose of Milan, AD 387)

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;

**All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you. **The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

**When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

**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 8A

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 8

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE  
ARTICLE 14, PART 1  
THE BELGIC CONFESSION

**We believe that God created man from the dust of the earth and made and formed him in his image and likeness -- good, just, and holy; able by his own will to conform in all things to the will of God. But when he was in honor he did not understand it and did not recognize his excellence. But he subjected himself willingly to sin and consequently to death and the curse, lending his ear to the word of the devil. For he transgressed the commandment of life, which he had received, and by his sin he separated himself from God, who was his true life, having corrupted his entire nature.**

**So he made himself guilty and subject to physical and spiritual death, having become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all his ways. He lost all his excellent gifts which he had received from God, and he retained none of them except for small traces which are enough to make him inexcusable. Moreover, all the light in us is turned to darkness, as the Scripture teaches us: "The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not receive it." Here John calls men "darkness."**

**Therefore we reject everything taught to the contrary concerning man's free will, since man is nothing but the slave of sin and cannot do a thing unless it is "given him from heaven." For who can boast of being able to do anything good by himself, since Christ says, "No one can come to me**

**unless my Father who sent me draws him"? Who can glory in his own will when he understands that "the mind of the flesh is enmity against God"? Who can speak of his own knowledge in view of the fact that "the natural man does not understand the things of the Spirit of God"? In short, who can produce a single thought, since he knows that we are "not able to think a thing" about ourselves, by ourselves, but that "our ability is from God"? And therefore, what the apostle says ought rightly to stand fixed and firm: "God works within us both to will and to do according to his good pleasure." For there is no understanding nor will conforming to God's understanding and will apart from Christ's work, as he teaches us when he says, "Without me you can do nothing."**

†"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #216

Offering General Fund

†Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**Amen!**

†"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #245

Postlude

† = please stand, if able

**bold** = congregational response

\* = the congregation is invited to lift hands (during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8