

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

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. 27

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!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
**my adversaries and foes, it is they who
stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart
shall not fear;

**though war arise against me, yet I will be
confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I
seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his
temple.**

†“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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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

Psalms 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and
give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is
but for a moment, and his favor is for a
lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but
joy comes with the morning.

†Psalm 103E

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 110A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Joshua 1:1-9
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 178)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Luke 24:13-35
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 885)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOSHUA 1:1-9
NO FALLING WORDS
EXPOSITION OF JOSHUA
i. The Context
ii. The Story
iii. The Message

†“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #459

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: 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
* = 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

5:00 PM

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 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

†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 145C

†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.

†Psalm 22C; 1

Amid the thronging worshipers Jehovah will I bless; before my brethren gathered there, his name will I confess. Come, praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye children of his grace; with rev'rence sound his glories forth and bow before his face.

The Life of Gratitude Fifth Commandment
Proverbs 4:1-9; HC Q. & A. 104

Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

for I give you good precepts;

do not forsake my teaching.

When I was a son with my father,

tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

he taught me and said to me,

“Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

Get wisdom; get insight;

do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;

love her, and she will guard you.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.

Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;

she will honor you if you embrace her.

She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

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).

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 69

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

Philippians 2:12-18

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 981)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE FALL AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

ARTICLE 14, PART 2

THE BELGIC CONFESSION

TPH, p. 859-860

†“Not What My Hands Have Done”

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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!

†“All Praise to Thee, My God”

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