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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 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 34

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!**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**And let us exalt his name together!**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

**And delivered me from all my fears.**

†“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

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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                      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 144B; 1-5

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 16A

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Joshua 3  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 179)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading    1 Corinthians 10:1-6  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 957)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

JOSHUA 3  
TREADING THE VERGE OF JORDAN  
THE BOOK OF JOSHUA #4  
i. The Long Wait  
ii. The Ark of the Covenant  
iii. The Jordan Crossing

†“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”      #524

## 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  
\* = 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.

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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)*

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1-2)

### †Call to Worship                      Psalm 89:1-2

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

### †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 147B

### †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.**

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

#158; 6\*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Life of Gratitude              Sixth Commandment

Lev 19:11-18; HC Q. & A. 105

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.

**You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.**

You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

**You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.**

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

**You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.**

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

**You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.**

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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).

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.**

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!**

*Psalms of the Month*

†Psalm 72A; 5-8

Scripture Reading                      Ephesians 1:3-14  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 976)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

ELECTION IN CHRIST  
AND THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION  
ARTICLE 16B  
THE BELGIC CONFESSION

**We believe that -- all Adam's descendants having thus fallen into perdition and ruin by the sin of the first man -- God showed himself to be as he is: merciful and just. He is merciful in withdrawing and saving from this perdition those whom he, in his eternal and unchangeable counsel, has elected and chosen in Jesus Christ our Lord by his pure goodness, without any**

**consideration of their works. He is just in leaving the others in their ruin and fall into which they plunged themselves.**

†“Before the Throne of God Above”                      #277

Offering    General Fund

†Benediction    1 Peter 5:10-11  
And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.  
**Amen!**

†“And Can It Be”    #431

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