

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; Ps. 47:6-9

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!

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

†“Glory Be to God the Father”

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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

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

†Psalm 42A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 119T

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Joshua 5:13-15
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 180)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 19:11-16
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 892)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOSHUA 5:13-15
THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD
THE BOOK OF JOSHUA #7
i. His Appearance
ii. His Identity
iii. His Message

†“O God beyond All Praising” #241

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, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 131)

†Call to Worship Psalm 115:1-3

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

†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 115A

†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!” #230; 4*

**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: Seventh Commandment (Heb. 13:1-6, 16; HC Q. & A. 108)

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**Remember those who are in prison, as
though in prison with them, and those who
are mistreated, since you also are in the
body.**

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

**Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have, for he
has said, “I will never leave you nor
forsake you.”**

So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

**Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have, for such sacrifices are
pleasing to God.**

108 Q. What is God’s will for us in the seventh commandment?

**A. That God condemns all unchastity, and
that we should therefore detest it
wholeheartedly and live decent and chaste**

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).

lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 71

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 71; 1-4

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 886)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

A MOST PERFECT LOVE
ARTICLE 20
THE BELGIC CONFESSION

We believe that God -- who is perfectly merciful and also very just -- sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

†“O Love of God, How Strong and True” #240

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!

†“It Is Well with My Soul”

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