# THE LORD'S DAY

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12693 Orchard Ave. Nampa, ID 83651 • 208-466-4444 www.urcnampa.org • office@urcnampa.org • www.urcnampa.org/sermons 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)

Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. (Hosea 6:1-3)

Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

\*Call to Worship Isaiah 51:3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

- †Opening Prayer
- \*Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 65 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!

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, And to you shall vows be performed.

O you who hear prayer,

To you shall all flesh come.

When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

<sup>†</sup>Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:35-40

#### Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward each other. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

†Psalm 46C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 72A; 1-4

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading	Joshua 6
This is the Word of the Lord.	(p. 181)
Thanks be to God!	

New Testament ReadingHebrews 11This is the Word of the Lord.(p. 1007)Thanks be to God!(p. 1007)

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

> JOSHUA 6 THE BATTLE OF JERICHO i. Victory ii. Judgment iii. Salvation

†"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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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>: Building 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)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 125:1-2)

\*Call to Worship Psalm 72:18-19 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!

**†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 72A; 5-8

<sup>†</sup>Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the onlybegotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. loria Patri #571\*

 †Gloria Patri #571:
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Life of Gratitude

Pastoral Prayer

Romans 12:9-21

Adapted from Book of Common Prayer, 1789

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</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).

them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the hope you have given to us and our loved ones who have died in the Lord, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, sovereign Lord, confident that you hear us and answer in your mercy and love, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 70

Scripture Reading	Psalm 32
This is the Word of the Lord.	(p. 462)
Thanks be to God!	

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

> A FIRM FOUNDATION ARTICLE 23 THE BELGIC CONFESSION

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that man blessed to whom God grants righteousness

apart from works. And the same apostle says that we are justified "freely" or "by grace" through redemption in Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting only on the obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God's approach, without doing what our first father, Adam, did, who trembled as he tried to cover himself with fig leaves. In fact, if we had to appear before God relying -- no matter how little -- on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up. Therefore everyone must say with David: "Lord, do not enter into judgment with your servants, for before you no living person shall be justified."

†"How Firm a Foundation"	#243
Offering	General Fund
†Benediction The grace of the Lord Jesu of God and the fellowship with you all. Amen!	
†"All Praise to Thee, My Go	od, This Night" #158*
Postlude	
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