

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)

The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure. (Isaiah 33:5-6)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Joel 3:16

The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 68

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!

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

And those who hate him shall flee before him!

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

As wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad;

They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

His name is the LORD; exult before him!

†“God Himself Is With Us”

#164*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! (Ps. 128:1)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. (Ps. 119:105, 35)

And God spoke all these words, saying: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Ex. 20:1-11)

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. (Ps. 51:2-3)

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against

your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's. (Ex. 20:12-17)

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. (Ps. 130:3-4)

Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 5:20; 6:23)

†Psalm 22C
Pastoral Prayer
†Psalm 115A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading	Joshua 7
This is the Word of the Lord.	(p. 182)
Thanks be to God!	
New Testament Reading	Matthew 27:45-56
This is the Word of the Lord.	(p. 834)
Thanks be to God!	

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOSHUA 7
JUDGMENT IN THE VALLEY OF ACHOR
EXPOSITION OF JOSHUA #9
i. God's Judgment
ii. Covenant Warning
iii. Good News

†“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #429

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: Peace URC

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)

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

†Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-2, 14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

†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 148B

†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 119B

How shall the young direct their way?

What light shall be their perfect guide?

Your word, O Lord, will safely lead, if in its wisdom they confide. Sincerely I have sought you, Lord, O let me not from you depart; to know your will and keep from sin your word I cherish in my heart.

O blessed Lord, teach me your law, your righteous judgments I declare; your testimonies make me glad, for they are wealth beyond compare. Upon your precepts and your ways my heart will meditate with awe; your word shall be my chief delight, and I will not forget your law.

The Life of Gratitude Eight Commandment

Ephesians 4:25-32; HC Q. & A. 110

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor,
for we are members one of another.

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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).

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

110 Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, which governing authorities punish, but in God's sight theft also includes all evil tricks and schemes designed to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Pastoral Prayer 2 Chron. 20:6-12

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 Galatians 5
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 974)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOOD WORKS
ARTICLE 24
THE BELGIC CONFESSION
TPH, p. 863

†“All Authority and Power” #424

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!

†“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” #411*

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