

# 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

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

“We delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment.... The Scotch catechism says that man’s chief end is ‘to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.’ But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.” (C.S. Lewis)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 27:4

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.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 113

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 the LORD!

**Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessed be the name of the LORD

**From this time forth and forevermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**The name of the LORD is to be praised!**

The LORD is high above all nations,

**And his glory above the heavens!**

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #216\*

## God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 51:13-17

Confession of Sin *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

**O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people; who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your nature is always to have mercy; to you only it belongs to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, O Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed; enter not into judgment with your servants, who are dust, and miserable sinners; but so turn your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our sins, and truly repent of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

†Psalm 46C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Joshua 14  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 189)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading 2 Thess. 2:13-17  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 989)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

JOSHUA 14  
CALEB RECEIVES HIS INHERITANCE  
(AND: BE LIKE CALEB!)  
EXPOSITION OF JOSHUA #16  
i. The Story  
ii. The Challenge

†“For All the Saints” #408; 1, 3-6, 8\*

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>: Classis Church Assistance

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)*

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 118:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

†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 118A; 1-4

†The Apostles' Creed #560

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

The Life of Gratitude

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,

**A very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam,

**Though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**The holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the LORD,

**How he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God.

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, 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 110B

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE GOOD NEWS OF  
GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT  
ARTICLE 37 (PART 2 OF 4)  
THE BELGIC CONFESSION  
*TPH* p. 870

Finally, we believe, according to God's Word, that when the time appointed by the Lord is come (which is unknown to all creatures) and the number of the elect is complete, our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven, bodily and visibly, as he ascended, with great glory and majesty, to declare himself the judge of the living and the dead. He will burn this old world, in fire and flame, in order to cleanse it. Then all human creatures will appear in person before that great judge -- men, women, and children, who have lived from the beginning until the end of the world. They will be summoned there by the voice of the archangel and by the sound of the divine trumpet. For all those who died before that time will be raised from the earth, their spirits being joined and united with their own bodies in which they lived. And as for those who are still alive, they will not die like the others but will be changed "in the twinkling of an eye" from "corruptible to incorruptible." Then "the books" (that is, the consciences) will be opened, and the dead will be judged according to the things they did in the world, whether good or evil. Indeed, all people will give account of all the idle words they have spoken, which the world regards as only playing games. And then the secrets and hypocrisies of men will be publicly uncovered in the sight of all.

Therefore, with good reason the thought of this judgment is horrible and dreadful to wicked and evil people. But it is very pleasant and a great comfort to the righteous and elect, since their total redemption will then be accomplished.

Psalm 110

(p. 509)

They will then receive the fruits of their labor and of the trouble they have suffered; their innocence will be openly recognized by all; and they will see the terrible vengeance that God will bring on the evil ones who tyrannized, oppressed, and tormented them in this world. The evil ones will be convicted by the witness of their own consciences, and shall be made immortal -- but only to be tormented in the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

In contrast, the faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor. The Son of God will "confess their names" before God his Father and the holy and elect angels; all tears will be "wiped from their eyes"; and their cause -- at present condemned as heretical and evil by many judges and civil officers -- will be acknowledged as the "cause of the Son of God." And as a gracious reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the heart of man could never imagine. So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to enjoy fully the promises of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

†"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #459

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!**

†"By the Sea of Crystal"

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