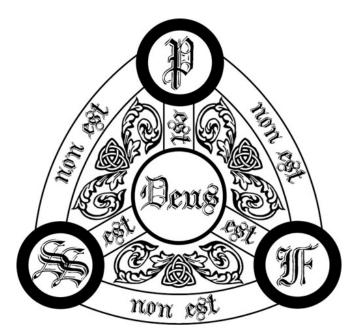
# THE LORD'S DAY

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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)

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

<sup>†</sup>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 Revelation 1:4-5; Ps. 5 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!

Give ear to my words, O LORD; Consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, My King and my God, for to you do I pray.

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you bless the righteous, O LORD; You cover him with favor as with a shield.

†"Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem" #358\*

#### 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 Psalm 34:17-18 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Responsive Reading O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare your praise.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name!

†Psalm 115A

Profession of Faith Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 16A

#### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Joshua 23 (p. 197)
New Testament Reading This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	John 15:1-5 (p. 901)
Prayer for Illumination	
Sermon	
Joshua 23	
CLING TO THE LORD YOUF	RGOD
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i. The Lord's Grace	
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iii. The Lord's Word	
†"Come, Thou Fount of Every Ble	ssing" #429
God Communes with	Is
in the Lord's Supper	
Preparation and Prayer of Consecra	ation
By the promise of God this bread	and wine are
for us the body and blood of Chri	
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

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\* = 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 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 119K

Confession of Faith The Apostles' CreedI 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.

†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.

God's Will for Our Lives Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Pastoral Prayer (*The Worship Sourcebook*, based on Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. & A. 100-107) **Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.** 

We draw near to you with all holy reverence and confidence, coming as children to a father able and ready to help us as we pray together and for others. Enable us and others to glorify you in all that we do as we live and work in the creation that displays your power and mercy, and be pleased to dispose all things to your own glory.

#### Your kingdom come.

We pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into

27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art.

it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

## Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray that you, by your grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to your will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

#### Give us this day our daily bread.

We pray that of your free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy your blessing with them.

### And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

We pray that you, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins and we are encouraged to ask this because by your grace we are able from the heart to forgive others.

# And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We pray that you would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

#### For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

We take our encouragement in prayer from you only, and in our prayers we praise you, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to you. And to testify of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say,

Amen!

Psalm of the Month †Psalm 138A

Scripture Reading	Proverbs 3
This is the Word of the Lord.	(p. 528)
Thanks be to God!	

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

#### PROVERBS 3 The Lord By Wisdom Founded the Earth Exposition of Proverbs

t"This Is My Father's World"
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Offering

General Fund

\*Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

#### Amen!

†"Jerusalem the Golden" #468

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