

# 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)*

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 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 30

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!**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

**And have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**And you have healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
**And give thanks to his holy name.**

†“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”    #374\*

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

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

†Psalm 76

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 62A

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 62  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 479)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      1 Peter 1:3-9  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 1014)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

1 PETER 1:6-7  
REJOICING IN THE NEGATIVE  
i. Trials Purify Your Faith  
ii. Trials Prove Your Faith

†“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”  
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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>: 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.

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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)*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:1-2, 11)

### †Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

### †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 92B

### †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;<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 22C; 1

**Amid the thronging worshippers Jehovah will I bless; before my brethren gathered there, his name will I confess. Come, praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye children of his grace; with rev’rence sound his glories forth and bow before his face.**

### God’s Will for Our Lives Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

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

<sup>2</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).

Pastoral Prayer

**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 147A; 1-4

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 984)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

HEARTS AND HANDS IN SERVICE TO GOD

LORD’S DAY 33

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

i. Reordered Love

ii. Reordered Lives

88 Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

**A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.**

89 Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

**A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.**

90 Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.**

91 Q. But what are good works?

**A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God’s law, and are done for his glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.**

†“All for Jesus!”

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Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

**Amen!**

†“By the Sea of Crystal”

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