

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)

“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 Micah 4:1-2a

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 62

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!

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

For my hope is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory;

My mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

†“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Matthew 22:35-40

Confession of Sin

(Robert G. Rayburn, O Come Let Us Worship)

Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130:3-8

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

†Psalm 46C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 80A; 1-3, 8-10

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 80
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 491)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 15:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 901)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOHN 15:1-11
ABIDE IN ME
EXPOSITION OF JOHN 13-17 #6
i. Christ's Identity as the Vine
ii. Christ's Call to Loyalty
iii. Christ's Promise of Joy

†“Union with Thee” #448

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: 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

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bold = congregational response
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(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 72:12-13, 19

He delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. 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!

†“Christ Shall Have Dominion” (Psa. 72) #421

†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.**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!” #230; 4*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All
thy works shall praise thy name in earth
and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty! God in three
Persons, blessed Trinity!**

God’s Will for Our Lives Psalm 37:21-40

The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;
for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the
land,

but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

The steps of a man are established by the
LORD,

when he delights in his way;

though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,

for the LORD upholds his hand.

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have
not seen the righteous forsaken

or his children begging for bread.

He is ever lending generously,

and his children become a blessing.

Turn away from evil and do good;

so shall you dwell forever.

For the LORD loves justice;

he will not forsake his saints.

They are preserved forever,

**but the children of the wicked shall be cut
off.**

The righteous shall inherit the land

and dwell upon it forever.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,

and his tongue speaks justice.

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).

The law of his God is in his heart;

his steps do not slip.

The wicked watches for the righteous

and seeks to put him to death.

The LORD will not abandon him to his power

or let him be condemned when he is

brought to trial.

Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he
will exalt you to inherit the land;

**you will look on when the wicked are cut
off.**

I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,

spreading himself like a green laurel tree.

But he passed away, and behold, he was no
more;

**though I sought him, he could not be
found.**

Mark the blameless and behold the upright,

for there is a future for the man of peace.

But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;

the future of the wicked shall be cut off.

The salvation of the righteous is from the

LORD;

**he is their stronghold in the time of
trouble.**

The LORD helps them and delivers them;

**he delivers them from the wicked and
saves them, because they take refuge in
him.**

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 83

**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 11A

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 14

(p. 537)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PROVERBS 14

WISDOM IS HUMBLE

EXPOSITION OF PROVERBS

†Psalm 100A

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!

†“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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