

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)

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 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 Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 84

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!

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

†“Glory Be to God the Father”

#213*

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

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your

midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

†Psalm 98C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 94A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 26:16-21
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 587)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 16:16-33
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 902)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOHN 16:16-33
JESUS CHRIST, CONQUEROR
EXPOSITION OF JOHN 13-17 #10
i. Christ Requires a Response
ii. Christ Walks Alone
iii. Christ Conquers

†“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: 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

If you are visiting with us this morning, we invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper with us if the following is true of you:

1. you have received Christian baptism into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
2. you have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
3. you have formal, committed membership in a true Christian church.

If you have any questions about this, please speak with an elder after the service.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 46:4-7

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.

†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 82

†Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one

substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†Gloria Patri #571*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

God's Will for Our Lives Proverbs 20

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 542)

Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, who by your holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people; we humbly beseech you most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer to your Divine Majesty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We beseech you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity,

¹ "Catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

and concord; and grant, that all they who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We beseech you also to save and defend all leaders and governors, and especially your servant, our President; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant to his whole cabinet, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of your true religion, and virtue. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy Word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech you, of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear; beseeching you to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, 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 119F

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 21

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 543)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PROVERBS 20-21

WAIT FOR THE LORD,
AND HE WILL DELIVER YOU
EXPOSITION OF PROVERBS

†“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

#256

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Amen!

†“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

#471

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