

THE LORD'S DAY

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips (Psalm 63:1-5).

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Jude 1:24-25
Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 89
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!

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,

and awesome above all who are around him?

O LORD God of hosts,

who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

†“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #380*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Joel 2:10-13

Confession of Sin

(From the reformed liturgy of John Knox, 1560)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1b-2a

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins.

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 16A
Pastoral Prayer
†Psalm 2A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 87
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 494)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 17:6-19
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 903)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOHN 17:6-19
KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE
EXPOSITION OF JOHN 13-17 #12
i. A Prayer for the Church
ii. A Prayer for Unity
iii. A Prayer for Protection

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

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: Love INC

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. Psa. 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)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. (Psalm 123:1-2)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-2, 14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

†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 148A

†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.

God's Will for Our Lives Proverbs 24

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 545)

Thanks be to God!

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 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 51C; 1-4

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 25

(p. 546)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PROVERBS 24-25

EAT HONEY, FOR IT IS GOOD

EXPOSITION OF PROVERBS

†Psalm 112

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!

†“For All the Saints”

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