

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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)*

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 Daniel 2:20b-23a  
Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5;  
2 Chron. 20:20-21

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!**

And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when

they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! **Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed.**"

And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

**"Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever."**

†"Come, Thou Almighty King" #212\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Matthew 22:35-40  
Confession of Sin (Psalter Hymnal, 1959)

**O Lord, Almighty God, we pray that your holy name may not be blasphemed on account of our sins. For we have sinned against you in many ways. We do not always obey your holy Word as it is necessary for us. Through ignorance, unthankfulness, and discontent, we daily provoke you to wrath. We confess, Lord, that you would be just in inflicting punishment upon us. But we beseech you, O Lord, remember your great mercy and have compassion upon us. Teach us truly to know our sins and sincerely to mourn for them and to amend our life. Forgive us, as you have promised, and give us new life by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name; Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 65:2-4

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

†Psalm 46C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 16A

## 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                  Hebrews 13:1-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.              (p. 1009)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

HEBREWS 13:16-17  
A VISIBLE COMMUNITY  
WHAT IS THE CHURCH? #2  
i. The Basis for Membership  
ii. The Urgency of Membership  
iii. The Promise of Membership

†“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”    #403

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  
Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, we who trust in Jesus  
and have received these pledges of his love,  
thank you for assuring us of your love and  
forgiveness. Thank you that we, together  
with all your faithful people, are true  
members of his body and of each other in  
him. Thank you for the assurance that we  
shall eat and drink with Christ when he  
comes in the glory of his kingdom.**

Remember, Father, your church bought by the  
blood of your Son, and gather it in holiness  
into the kingdom you have prepared for it.  
Direct each one of us now by your Spirit in all  
our ways. Stir us to live lives to your glory.

Make us faithful witnesses to Jesus and his  
resurrection, eager for the joy of his coming,  
and made worthy to worship you with all your  
saints forever.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Offering    1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
    2<sup>nd</sup>: 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  
† = please stand, if able  
**bold** = congregational response  
\* = the congregation is invited to lift hands  
(during last stanza); cf. Psa. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2

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.

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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)

### Welcome and Announcements

†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 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 catholic<sup>1</sup> 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 John 15:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer

*Te Deum*

(attrib. to St. Ambrose of Milan, AD 387)

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;

**All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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<sup>1</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).

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
**Throughout the world the holy Church  
acclaims you: Father, of majesty  
unbounded, your true and only Son,  
worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit,  
advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal  
Son of the Father.

**When you took our flesh to set us free you  
humbly chose the virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death and opened  
the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in  
glory.**

We believe that you will come and be our  
judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory  
everlasting.**

We pray in the name of Jesus 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 90A

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 51

(p. 474)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

A BROKEN IMAGE  
LORD'S DAY 3  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

6 Q. Did God create man so wicked and  
perverse?

**A. No. God created man good and in his  
own image, that is, in true righteousness  
and holiness, so that he might truly know  
God his creator, love him with all his  
heart, and live with God in eternal  
happiness, for his praise and glory.**

7 Q. Then where does man's corrupt nature  
come from?

**A. From the fall and disobedience of our  
first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise.  
This fall has so poisoned our nature that  
we are all conceived and born in sin.**

8 Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally  
unable to do any good and inclined toward all  
evil?

**A. Yes, unless we are born again by the  
Spirit of God.**

†Psalm 51C; 1-4

Offering

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†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!**

†“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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