

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. 22

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!

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

My vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,

And he rules over the nations.

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #216*

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 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 72:12-13, 18

†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 32B

†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*

**Glorify 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 Deut. 5:6-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

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,
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

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).

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 120

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 74)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE JUSTICE OF GOD

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

9 Q. But doesn't God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man is unable to do?

A. No, God created man with the ability to keep the law. Man, however, at the instigation of the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

10 Q. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as our actual sins. God will punish them by a just judgment both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."

11 Q. But isn't God also merciful?

A. God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty— eternal punishment of body and soul.

†"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

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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!

†"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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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