

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Twenty-First 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)*

For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine." (Psalm 132:13-18)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 4:8-11

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 24

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!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

†"Glory Be to God the Father" #213\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Matthew 22:35-40

Confession of Sin *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge before you our many sins, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your Divine Majesty, provoking your just wrath against us. We earnestly repent, and confess that we are sorry for our sins. The remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Malachi 3:16-4:2

†Psalm 23A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 91B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      Deut. 12:29–13:11  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      1 Corinthians 5  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

1 CORINTHIANS 5  
A LITTLE LEAVEN  
WHAT IS THE CHURCH? #4  
i. Practice Discipline  
ii. Beware of Leaven  
iii. Keep the Festival

†“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”      #360

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. 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.

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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)*

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)

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 94:12-15

Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

†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 94A

†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;<sup>1</sup> 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 catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

James 1:19-27

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

**Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

**For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</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).

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.**

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 88

**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

Hebrews 10:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

MEDIATOR AND DELIVERER

LORD'S DAY 5

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

12 Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.**

13 Q. Can we make this payment ourselves?

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.**

14 Q. Can another creature—any at all— pay this debt for us?

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.**

15 Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**A. One who is a true and righteous man, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

†“And Can It Be”

#431

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!**

†“By the Sea of Crystal”

#473\*

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