

THE LORD'S DAY

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Ninth 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

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Almighty God, be present among us in power, and with great might comfort and sustain us; that though our sins and wickedness would hinder us in the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 29:1-2
Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe
to the LORD the glory due his name; worship
the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 116
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!

O LORD, I am your servant;

**I am your servant, the son of your
maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

And call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD

In the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD,

**In your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the
LORD!**

†“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” #356*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-10

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to
your steadfast love; according to your
abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from
my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin
is ever before me. Against you, you only,
have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight, so that you may be justified in your
words and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward
being, and you teach me wisdom in the
secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I
shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and
gladness; let the bones that you have
broken rejoice. Hide your face from my
sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create
in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me; in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:39b-43

They put him to death by hanging him on a
tree, but God raised him on the third day and
made him to appear, not to all the people but to
us who had been chosen by God as witnesses,
who ate and drank with him after he rose from
the dead. And he commanded us to preach to
the people and to testify that he is the one
appointed by God to be judge of the living and
the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness
that everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name.

†Psalm 48A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 87B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 47:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 734)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Matthew 13:47-50
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 819)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon
 MATTHEW 13:47-50
 THE PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET

†“In Christ Alone” #265

Offering 1st: General Fund
 2nd: Missions and Mercy 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. 2:8

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure. (Isaiah 33:2, 5-6)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

†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 99A

†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 Romans 12:9-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

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 37; 1, 9-11

Scripture Reading Judges 15:14-16:31
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 215)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JUDGES 16
PRIDE GOES BEFORE THE FALL

†“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” #439

Offering General Fund

†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!

†“Song of Simeon” #295

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