

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Eleventh 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)*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 118

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!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**You are my God; I will extol you.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**For his steadfast love endures forever!**

†“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” #358\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Matthew 22:35-40

Prayer of Confession (*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 Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

†Psalm 103C; 1-4

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 103C; 5-8

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                  Psalm 103  
This is the Word of the Lord.          (p. 502)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                 James 4:13-17  
This is the Word of the Lord.          (p. 1013)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

  PSALM 103:15-22  
FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING  
EXPOSITION OF THE PSALMS #94

†“Crown Him with Many Crowns”        #380

### 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>: 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. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8

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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)*

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 22:22-23

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

†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 22C

†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 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.**

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.

**It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;**

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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).

It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

**Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

**When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.**

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

**So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**

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 2A

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Judges 19

(p. 218)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

JUDGES 19

SODOM 2.0

†“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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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!**

†“By the Sea of Crystal”

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