

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Twentieth 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)*

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is convicted, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Philippians 2:5-11  
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### †Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 27  
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!**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

†“All Glory Be to Thee, Most High”              #208\*

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession                      Psalm 32:1-6  
Prayer of Confession

**O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live. Wash us in the pure fountain of Jesus' blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Inscribe your law upon the tablets of our hearts. And give us the desire and strength to walk in the ways of your precepts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon                      Romans 6:8-11  
Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never

die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

†Psalm 76

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 119D

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      Habakkuk 2:2-20  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 785)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      2 Thessalonians 1  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 989)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

HABAKKUK 2:2-20  
FAITH IN THE MEANTIME

†“Be Still My Soul”      #532

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

Offering      1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
                  2<sup>nd</sup>: Missions & 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

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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, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### †Call to Worship                      Psalm 24:1, 9-10

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. 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!

#### †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 24B

#### †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

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

**For from him and through him and to him  
are all things. To him be glory forever!**

**(Rom. 11:36)**

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**In Christ we have redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the  
invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

**(Col. 1:14-15)**

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of  
praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that  
acknowledge his name. (Heb. 13:15)**

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

**Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another in  
all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and**

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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).

**spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Col. 3:20)**

You shall not murder.

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor. 6:20)**

You shall not steal.

**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. (Eph. 4:28)**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. (Eph. 4:15)**

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

**I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. (Phi. 4:11)**

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 119I

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

1 Peter 2:1-12

(p. 1014)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

WHAT'S MY MOTIVATION?

LORD'S DAY 32, Q&A 86

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

86 Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also renewing us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

†“How Vast the Benefits Divine”

#426

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!**

†“How Firm a Foundation”

#243

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