

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)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips (Psalm 63:1-5).

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 29

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!

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.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

†"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 11:4-5, 7

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

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is

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 95:1-3
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

†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 95C

†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

Proverbs 6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

Adapted from

Book of Common Prayer, 1789

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all your saints, and bring us

at length to the joy of your heavenly kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, sovereign Lord, confident that you hear us and answer in your mercy and love, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 106A, 1-4

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:33-48

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 513)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

LOVE AND DELIGHT

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

88 Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

89 Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

90 Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

91 Q. But what are good works?

A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for his glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

†“Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight”

#175, 1-2, 5-7

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!

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

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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