

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



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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 God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and of our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 68

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!**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;  
**And those who hate him shall flee before him!**

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

**As wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

But the righteous shall be glad;

**They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

**His name is the LORD; exult before him!**

†"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #380\*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:35-40

Prayer of Confession

**Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Your word has shown us how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for the sake of his blood and righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways, for your glory and the good of our neighbor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon                      Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Response of Praise

O Lord, open my lips,

**and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing to proclaim the glory of your Name!**

†Psalm 99B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 119K

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 87

This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 494)

**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 976)

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Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD

EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS #5

†“The Church's One Foundation”                      #404

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. 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)*

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. (Isaiah 50:10)

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 146:1-5  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

†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 146

†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\*

**Glorify 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                      Proverbs 11  
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.**

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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).

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 67A

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:18-25  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 2)

**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

WHAT IS MARRIAGE? PART 2  
LORD'S DAY 41  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

108 Q. What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?

**A. That God condemns all unchastity, and that we should therefore detest it wholeheartedly and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.**

109 Q. Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

**A. We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.**

†“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #524

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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” #374

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