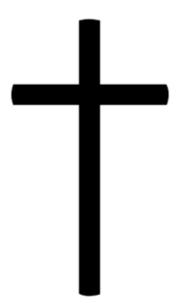
# THE LORD'S DAY

February 26, 2023 First Sunday in Lent



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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)

For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine." (Psalm 132:13-18)

Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

†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

#### Amen!

earth.

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; Sing praises to the LORD,

To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient

heavens;

Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel.

#### And whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel

He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

†"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

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Call to Confession Psalm 22:23-24
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 vour 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 Hebrews 9:11-14
But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal

Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

†Psalm 62A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 94A

#### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Genesis 50:15-26
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 44)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-13
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 977)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

EPHESIANS 3:1-13
THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS #6

†"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #200

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

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE 5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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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 48:1-3
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

†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 48A

†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 onlybegotten 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 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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).

You shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

I am the LORD your God....

Deut. 5:6-21

#### 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 67A

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:19-34 This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 811)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination Sermon

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT LORD'S DAY 42 THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

110 Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, which governing authorities punish, but in God's sight theft also includes all evil tricks and schemes designed to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

111 Q. What does God require of you in this commandment?

A. That I do whatever I can and may for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may help the needy in their hardship.

†"Be Thou My Vision"

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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!

†"It Is Well with My Soul"

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