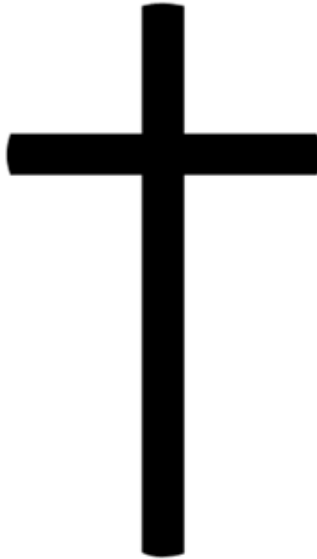


THE LORD'S DAY

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Third Sunday in Lent



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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)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 84

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!

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.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

†“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” #229*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession 1 John 1:5-10

Prayer of Confession *(Book of Common Prayer, 1549)*

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and so we are helpless without you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, as we confess our faults, restore us, as we are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:39b-43

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

†Psalm 98C

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 148B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 148
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 526)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:20-21
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 977)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

EPHESIANS 3:20-21
THE DOXOLOGICAL MEANING OF ALL THINGS
EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS #8

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #216

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

**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 1st: General Fund
2nd: Benevolence 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

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our 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 46B

†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;¹ 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 catholic² 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.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. (Ps. 51:4)

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

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Ps. 95:6)

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.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (Ps. 51:15)

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ... For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. (Ps. 84:1, 10)

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

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! (Ps. 25:7)

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

² "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 not murder.

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

You shall not commit adultery.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our
secret sins in the light of your presence.
(Ps. 90:8)**

You shall not steal.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to
your steadfast love; according to your
abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions. (Ps. 51:1)**

You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.

**Put false ways far from me and graciously
teach me your law! (Ps. 119:29)**

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

**Incline my heart to your testimonies, and
not to selfish gain! (Ps. 119:36)**

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 103

**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 130B

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 984)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

DELIGHT IN ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS

LORD'S DAY 44A

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

113 Q. What is God's will for you in the tenth
commandment?

**A. That not even the slightest desire or
thought contrary to any one of God's
commandments should ever arise in our
hearts. Rather, with all our hearts we
should always hate sin and delight in all
righteousness.**

114 Q. But can those converted to God keep
these commandments perfectly?

**A. No. In this life even the holiest have
only a small beginning of this obedience.
Nevertheless, with all seriousness of
purpose, they do begin to live according to
all, not only some, of God's
commandments.**

115 Q. Since no one in this life can keep the
Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God
want them preached so pointedly?

**A. First, so that all our life long we may
more and more come to know our sinful
nature and thus more eagerly seek the
forgiveness of sins and righteousness in
Christ. Second, so that we may never stop
striving and never stop praying to God for
the grace of the Holy Spirit, so that we
may be renewed more and more after
God's image, until after this life we reach
our goal: perfection.**

†Psalm 119B

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify
you completely, and may your whole spirit and
soul and body be kept blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is
faithful; he will surely do it.

Amen!

†"This Is My Father's World"

#252*

Postlude