

THE LORD'S DAY

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Third Sunday of Easter



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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

(Once the prelude begins, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from receiving your good gifts, and no weakness keep us from experiencing the perfect freedom that only comes from serving you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 4:8-11

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 73:24-26
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!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You guide me with your counsel,

And afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

†"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 Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not

because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

†Psalm 138B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 11A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 27:16-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 18:33-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 26-27

OBED-EDOM, THE CENSUS, AND

THE KING'S TREASURIES

EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #23

†“Christ Shall Have Dominion” (Psalm 72)

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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

1st: General Fund

2nd: Building Capital 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)

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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

Save and defend your church universal, purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Give to her pastors and ministers endowed with your Holy Spirit, and strengthen her through the Word and the holy sacraments. Make her mature in love and in all good works, and establish her in the faith delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy, catholic, and apostolic church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We humbly entreat you for all sorts and conditions of men, that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your salvation to all nations. Send forth your light and your truth into all the earth. Raise up, we pray, faithful servants to labor in the gospel at home and in distant lands. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation in righteousness and in true honor, and grant your blessings to us as a people, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land, and cause them to acknowledge and obey your holy will. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all comfort and protection, we bring before you all who are in any way afflicted, all persons oppressed with poverty, sickness, unemployment, or other trouble of body or mind. Grant them the consolations of which they have need, and overrule their present sufferings to their eternal good. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care. 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; All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Father, for the sake 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 21B; 1-4

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:68-79

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN LIBERTY?

LORD'S DAY 16-18

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

†“Song of Zechariah”

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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!

†“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

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