

THE LORD'S DAY

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



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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)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. 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. (Psalm 46:1-7)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 51:3

For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all
her waste places and makes her wilderness like
Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

†Opening Prayer

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

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!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the
King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD,
mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

**And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the
King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

†“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem”

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God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 22:23-24

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 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

†Psalm 22D

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 23A

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Chronicles 12
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 344)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Revelation 19:9-16
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 1040)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 12
THERE WAS JOY IN ISRAEL
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #7

†Psalms 45B

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: 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. Psalms 63:4, 1 Timothy 2:8

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 95:1-2

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!

†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 100A

†Confession of Faith 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

John 15:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

Psalm 98

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

For he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm

Have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

With the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

The world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

For he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

We pray in the name of Jesus, 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 35; 1-4

Scripture Reading

Job 9

This is the Word of the Lord.

(p. 422)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

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WHAT KIND OF MEDIATOR?

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THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

12 Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.

13 Q. Can we make this payment ourselves?

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.

14 Q. Can another creature—any at all— pay this debt for us?

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.

15 Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

†Psalm 80A; 1-2, 8-10

Offering

Christian Education 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!

†“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
(unannounced)

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