

THE LORD'S DAY

**June 1, 2025
Seventh 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)

“To unite one’s heart and one’s voice with believers all around him as songs of praise are sung, prayers are offered up, confession is made, and the Scriptures are read, is indeed an experience which carries the soul beyond the reaches of individual worship and unites it with the Son of God who Himself leads the worship of those who gather in His name.” (Robert G. Rayburn)

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 earth.

Amen!

You ascended on high,

leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD
God may dwell there.
Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.

Our God is a God of salvation,
and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances
from death.

†“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” #196*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-6

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

1 Peter 2:22-25

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

†Psalm 48A

Profession of Faith
Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 151)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:1-4
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 979)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Rev. Nick Smith

EPHESIANS 6:1-4
CHILDREN... IN THE LORD
BAPTISM AND COVENANT NURTURE #5

†“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #403

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: 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

5:00 PM

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

Welcome and Announcements

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Amen!

†Psalm 67B

†Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed, #560

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.

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.

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

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.

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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

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 6

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

(p. 458)

†“For All the Saints”
(unannounced)

#408; 1-3, 5, 8*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Russell Herman

UNDER THE SHEPHERD’S CARE

LORD’S DAY 10

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Postlude

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(during last stanza); cf. Psalms 63:4, 1 Timothy 2:8

27 Q. What do you understand by the
providence of God?

**A. Providence is the almighty and ever
present power of God by which God
upholds, as with his hand, heaven and
earth and all creatures, and so rules them
that leaf and blade, rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years, food and drink,
health and sickness, prosperity and
poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not
by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

28 Q. How does the knowledge of God’s
creation and providence help us?

**A. We can be patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity, and for the future
we can have good confidence in our
faithful God and Father that no creature
will separate us from his love. For all
creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will they can neither move
nor be moved.**

†“Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment”

#255

Offering

Christian Education 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!