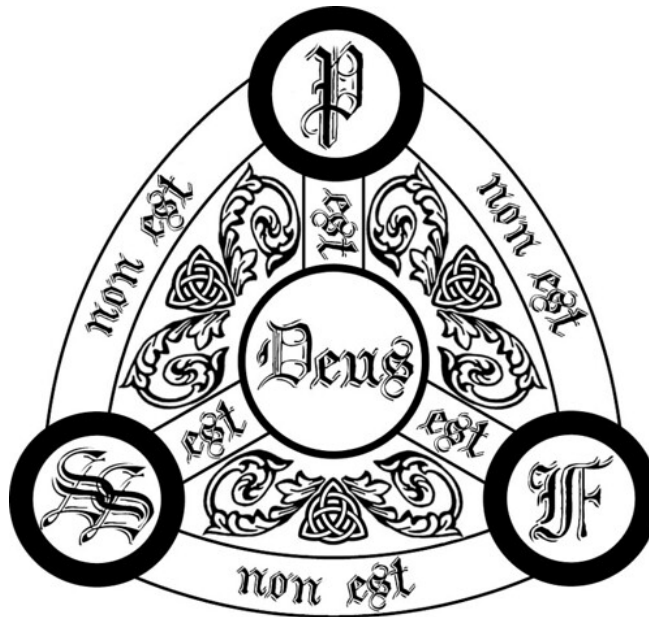


# THE LORD'S DAY

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany



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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

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

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. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Revelation 19:1-5

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psalms 57

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!**

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!

**I will sing and make melody!**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

**I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

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

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession                      Matthew 22:35-40

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

**O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people; who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved: mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your nature is always to have mercy; to you only it belongs to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, O Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed; enter not into judgment with your servants, who are dust, and miserable sinners; but so turn your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our sins, and truly repent of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon              1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

†Psalm 68A; 1-4, 12

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 110B

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading                      1 Chronicles 19  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 349)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading                      1 Peter 2:13-25  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 1015)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon                      Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 19  
FOR OUR PEOPLE AND FOR THE CITIES  
OF OUR GOD:  
DAVID'S WARS, PART 2 OF 3  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #17

†"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"  
#282

### 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                      1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Missions and 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

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure. (Isaiah 33:2, 5-6)

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

†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 32B

†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;<sup>1</sup> 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  
catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

†Gloria Patri (unannounced) #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

Proverbs 5

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Pastoral Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, who by your holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people; we humbly beseech you most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer to your Divine Majesty. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We beseech you to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant, that all they who do confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We beseech you also to save and defend all leaders and governors, and especially your servant, our President; that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant to his whole cabinet, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</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).

punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of your true religion, and virtue.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

And to all your people give your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive your holy Word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech you, of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear; beseeching you to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, 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 4

Scripture Reading                      1 Peter 1:13-21  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 1014)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Nick Smith

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST  
LORD'S DAY 13  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

33 Q. Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children?

**A. Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace for the sake of Christ.**

34 Q. Why do you call him "our Lord"?

**A. Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has delivered and purchased us body and soul from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, to be his very own.**

†Psalm 99A

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!**

†"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"                      #338  
(unannounced)

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