

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Nineteenth 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

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#### 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 Joel 3:16

The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 18

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!**

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**

My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

**And I am saved from my enemies.**

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

**And sing to your name.**

†“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

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#### 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

Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once

to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

†Psalm 47A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      1 Chronicles 10  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 342)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      1 Corinthians 10:1-22  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 957)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon      Rev. Nick Smith

1 CHRONICLES 10  
A BREACH OF FAITH  
EXPOSITION OF 1-2 CHRONICLES #5

†“Be Thou My Vision”      #446

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>: 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)      #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, 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 125:1-2

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

†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;<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 Colossians 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer (adapted from  
*Psalter Hymnal*, 1976, p. 184-185)

O Lord, Almighty God, we pray that your holy name may not be blasphemed on account of our sins. For we have sinned against you in many ways. We do not obey your holy Word as it is necessary for us. Through ignorance, unthankfulness, and discontent, we daily provoke you to wrath. We confess, Lord, that you are just in inflicting punishment upon us. But we beseech you, O Lord, remember your great mercy and have compassion upon us. Teach us truly to know our sins and sincerely to mourn for them and to amend our life.

**Amen!**

Strengthen the ministers of your Church here and everywhere in order that they may faithfully and steadfastly preach your holy Word.

**Amen!**

Likewise, Lord, give strength to our rulers that they may wield the sword of civil authority in justice and equity.

**Amen!**

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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).

We pray particularly for...in Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen!**

Keep us, we beseech you, from all hypocrisy and unfaithfulness, and frustrate all evil and subtle designs against your Word and your Church. O Lord, do not withhold from us your Word and your Spirit, but grant us increase in faith, and patience and steadfastness in all suffering and adversity. Comfort your Church, and deliver your people from opposition, ridicule, and tyranny, which it suffers at the hands of wicked men. Impart from on high strength to those that are sorely burdened with sorrow. And visit upon us your peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave us this sure promise: "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you," and 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 3

Scripture Reading                      Exodus 34:1-9  
This is the Word of the Lord.                      (p. 74)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon                      Rev. Nick Smith

THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF GOD  
LORD'S DAY 4  
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

9 Q. But doesn't God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man is unable to do?

**A. No, God created man with the ability to keep the law. Man, however, at the**

**instigation of the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.**

10 Q. Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

**A. Certainly not. He is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as our actual sins. God will punish them by a just judgment both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law."**

11 Q. But isn't God also merciful?

**A. God is certainly merciful, but he is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty—eternal punishment of body and soul.**

†Psalm 32B

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

**Amen!**

†"In Christ Alone"  
(unannounced)

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